

TOWN OF ASHLAND
NEW HAMPSHIRE
ANNUAL REPORT



2004

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BE SURE TO GIVE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS, AS WELL AS THE NATURE OF YOUR EMERGENCY; DO NOT HANG UP UNTIL YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO.

BELOW IS A LIST OF NUMBERS FOR THE VARIOUS TOWN FUNCTIONS

Administration	Town Administrator	968-4432
Assessing	Town Office	968-4432
Building Permits	Building Inspector	968-4432
Burn Permits	Fire Department	968-7772
Dogs-Licensing	Town Clerk	968-4432
Dogs-At large	Police Department	968-4000
Elections	Town Clerk	968-4432
Voter Registration	Town Clerk	968-4432
Electric Service	Utility Office	968-3083
Health Officer	Town Office	968-4432
Town Library	Library	968-7928
Vehicle Registration	Town Clerk	968-4432
Land Use Issues	Town Office	968-4432
Police	Police Department	968-4000
Parks / Recreation	Booster Club	968-9209
Recycling	Transfer Station	968-9032
Road Maintenance	Road Agent	968-3166
School Registration	Elementary K-8	968-7622
	High School 9-12	536-1444
Property Taxes	Tax Collector	968-4432
Vital Records	Town Clerk	968-4432
Water/Sewer Dept	Utility Office	968-4002
Welfare	Welfare Director	968-4432

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The 2004 Town Report is dedicated to **Marion K. Merrill**. We would all be hard pressed to keep up with this energetic citizen. It is with much gratitude for her contributions to this community that we praise this woman for her dedication to the many facets of life in Ashland.



- Town Clerk for over 20 years
- Member – Ashland Beautification Committee
 - Planted trees along the ballpark - Campaigned to fix up town properties
 - Assisted the Chamber of Commerce on planting of lilacs at Exit 24
- Member – Squam River Covered Bridge Committee
 - Responded to Pauline Calley's call to initiate the possibility of a covered bridge over Squam River;
 - Co-Chaired this committee – prepared materials for fundraising, solicited funds, worked with snowmobilers to preserve the bridge flooring;
 - Worked on Polly's garden at the bridge
- Member – Ashland Historical Society
 - Solicited signatures to preserve historic school - Worked on fundraisers
 - Most effective seller of tickets for events
 - Tour guide and lector at the Whipple House Museum
- Member - Ashland Woman's Club and Ashland Rebekahs
 - Served as president of these clubs - Served on state committees
 - Worked on community events
- Memorial Park Trustee
 - Conducted bike-a-thons for over 20 years
 - Raised funds for the Memorial Park Trust Fund
 - Expanded the park by processing purchase of land
 - Initiated the official establishment of the Memorial Park Trust Fund and the Memorial Park Trustees
 - Currently is Chairman of the Trustees for Park maintenance and development keeping abreast of the issues concerning the maintenance of the dam and pond

Marion is an Ashland native, a graduate of Ashland High School and Plymouth Normal School in 1936. She is the mother of four sons. Marion partnered with her husband in the insurance business, which she continued after his death. Marion also established a real estate business promoting Ashland properties.

WE REMEMBER.....

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done,
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times and laughing
times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who
grieve, to dry before the sun
of happy memories that I leave when life is done

**WITH FOND MEMORIES WE REMEMBER THE CITIZENS WE
HAVE LOST THIS YEAR**

John Tappan
Margery Roby
Dorothy Brown
Harold Baker
Susan Simoneau
Florence Chaisson
Gaye Diehm
Roland Morrell
Leon Lambert

Gloria Taylor
Amanda Hackett
Stanley Lamond
Christine Avery
Howard Bilodeau
Herman Keniston
Eileen Bersuch
William Turner

BOARDS AND OFFICIALS – 2004

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

GERARD CHOUINARD (2005) A. CAROLINE GOSSE (2006) DANIEL GOLDEN (2007)
ROBERT G. MOORE (2007) DOROTHEE CROFTON (2005– RESIGNED)
ANTHONY RANDALL (2005– APPOINTED)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

ANNE ABEAR– RESIGNED

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

RICHARD J. ALPERS

INTERIM A.A – DEPUTY TOWN CLERK – DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

LAURA PLUMMER

INTERIM TOWN PLANNER

ELLISON BADGER

TAX COLLECTOR

PATRICIA TUCKER

TOWN CLERK (ELECTED)

PATRICIA TUCKER (2005)

TOWN TREASURER (ELECTED)

LINDA GUYOTTE (2005) - DEPUTY LINDA EASTMAN

TOWN MODERATOR (ELECTED)

PHILIP PRESTON (2006)

TOWN TRUSTEES (ELECTED)

EDWARD DUPUIS (2006) RICHARD OGDEN (2005) RICHARD PARE (2007)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES (ELECTED)

JULIA SMITH (2005) JILL MUDGETT (2006) ALICE STAPLES (2007)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST (ELECTED)

BEVERLY OBER (2006) DOUGLAS OBER (2008) MARYANN REINHOLZ (2010)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

ROAD AGENT MARK OBER– TIMOTHY PAQUETTE – PAIGE MORRILL
DANIEL THOMPSON – TRANSFER/RECYCLING CENTER – JOHN CAMPBELL

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR (APPOINTED)

JAMES GLEICH

TOWN MECHANIC

LEE HUCKINS

ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF JOSEPH CHIVELL II – LT. DONALD MARREN – SGT JOSEPH MCCOMISKEY
OFFICER EDWARD SAMSON III (RESIGNED) – OFFICER ADAM GLEESON
OFFICER MICHAEL BROWN (RESIGNED) – OFFICER DANIEL HAMILTON
SPECIAL MELISSA SMIALEK – SPECIAL JAMIE LYFORD – SPECIAL BRENT WILMOT

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

PLANNING BOARD (APPOINTED)

FRANK STEVENS (2005) - JEFFREY BELYEA (RESIGNED) – ROBERT BOYLE (2005)
GORDON MCCORMACK JR (2005) – TRACY BLANCHARD (RESIGNED)
ROBERT MOORE (SELECTMEN EX-OFFICIO) – DONALD PORELL (RESIGNED)
DON LATULIPPE (2005) - RICHARD BAGGE (2007)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (APPOINTED)

MARK HORMELL (2005) JAMES ALBA (RESIGNED) MICHAEL LEMBO (2007) ELAINE ALLARD (2007)
BRIAN MORIARTY (2007) FRANK MURDOCK (2007) ERNEST GILMAN (2007)
PAUL BRADBURY (ALTERNATE)

PEMI BAKER SOLD WASTE DISTRICT REP

MARK OBER

HOUSING STANDARDS BOARD

ELAINE HUGHES (2005) GREG BAVIS (2005) ELLISON BADGER (2005)
ASHLAND FIRE CHIEF – ASHLAND HEALTH OFFICER

WELFARE DIRECTOR

ROBERT HICKS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

VACANT

SCRIBNER MEMORIAL TRUSTEES

DANIEL GOLDEN (RESIGNED) SAMUEL NORMAN (2006) THOMAS PETERS (2005)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

RUTH KNAPP (2005) DANIEL GOLDEN (RESIGNED) GORDON VITUM (2006)

JAMES GROVER (2005) ANNE ALLEN (2005)

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION REP

FRANK STEVENS

BUDGET COMMITTEE (ELECTED)

DAVID RUELL (2007) ROBIN FISK (2007) GLENN DION (2007) JAMES COLE (2007)

KENDALL B. HUGHES (2006) JOHN C. HUGHES (2006) JOANNE SULLIVAN (RESIGNED)

KENDALL L. HUGHES (APPOINTED-2005) JAMES GOSSE (2006) SANDRA COLEMAN (2005)

DANIEL SULLIVAN (2005) ANN MARIE REEVER (2005) HELEN KNOWLTON (SCHOOL BOARD REP)

DANIEL GOLDEN (SELECTMEN REP)

HEALTH OFFICER (APPOINTED)

CARLETON ABEAR (RESIGNED) RUSSELL CROSS JR. (DEPUTY/APPOINTED HEALTH OFFICER)

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS (APPOINTED)

N. SCOTT WEDEN, CHIEF (RESIGNED) THOMAS STEWART, CHIEF (APPOINTED)

DEPUTY CHIEF DAVID PAQUETTE (RESIGNED)

DEPUTY CHIEF CHARLES FOOTS (APPOINTED) DEPUTY CHIEF BRADLEY OBER (APPOINTED)

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT LEE V. NICHOLS – NATHAN TATE (RESIGNED) – GORDON "JOE" VITUM

OFFICER MANAGER LINDA PACK – PATRICIA FLIGG

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT COMMISSIONERS (ELECTED)

ERNEST HUTTER (2007) MELVIN HOLLAND (2006) RAYMOND KNOWLTON (2005)

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

AQUARION SERVICES

PLANT MANAGER RUSSELL CROSS JR – RICK NOBLEY

OFFICE – KAY MUDGETT

WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS (ELECTED)

ERNEST PAQUETTE (2007) DANIEL GOLDEN (2006) ROBERT BOYLE (2005)

BUILDING INSPECTOR DEPARTMENT (APPOINTED)

ROBERT HICKS, BUILDING INSPECTOR – FRANK MURDOCK, ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

JERRY BRIDGHAM, PLUMBING INSPECTOR

HISTORIC COMMISSION (APPOINTED)

ROBERT HICKS (2005) CLAIRE HICKS (2005)

MEMORIAL PARK TRUSTEES (APPOINTED)

MARY RUELL (2006) MARION MERRILL (2006) ERNEST HUTTER (2005) PHILIP PRESTON (2005)

SAFETY COMMITTEE (APPOINTED)

PAIGE MORRILL (2006) BRAD OBER (2006) ANNE ABEAR (RESIGNED)

DONALD MARREN (2005) TIMOTHY PAQUETTE (2005) LAURA PLUMMER (2006)

PEMI BAKER HOME HEALTH AGENCY

MARY RUELL

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (APPOINTED)

KATIE BURGESS – JERRY CHOUINARD – LORI CUSHING – JAMES GOSSE

HELEN KNOWLTON – AMY MORIARTY – BARBARA SHARROW

GRAFTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REP

ELLISON BADGER

**TOWN OF ASHLAND
DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 31, 2004**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ashland in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to Vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland Public School Gymnasium in said Town on Saturday, January 31, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. to act upon the following articles. Vote by official ballot will take place on March 9, 2004 at the School Gymnasium. Polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. and will close no earlier than 7:00 p.m.

Moderator Glenn Dion called the Deliberative Session to order at 1:00 PM. The meeting started with a presentation to Mary Ruell. It was announced that the 2003 Town Report was dedicated to her. Patricia Tucker read the Memorial page of the Town Report.

Article 1:

To choose all of the following officers for the year ensuing:

(2)	Selectmen	3 Year Term
(1)	Selectman	1 Year Term
(1)	Town Moderator	2 Year Term
(1)	Town Treasurer	1 Year Term
(1)	Town Trustee	3 Year Term
(1)	Library Trustee	3 Year Term
(1)	Supervisor of Checklist	6 Year Term
(4)	Budget Committee Members	3 Year Term
(1)	Budget Committee Member	1 Year Term
(1)	Electric Commissioner	3 year Term
(1)	Water/Sewer Commissioner	3 year Term

THE LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES WAS READ BY MODERATOR DION.

Article 2:

Question 1:

To see what action the town will take on the following proposed amendments to the town's zoning ordinance.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to clarify Article 4.7, Bed & Breakfast? The amendment increases the required parking, establishes specifications for signage and lighting, and clarifies the necessity for state permits. (Majority Vote Required)

Question 2:

To see what action the town will take on the following proposed amendment to the town's zoning ordinance.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to clarify Article 4.6? This article clarifies the definition of Home Occupation and establishes specifications for advertising, signage, storage of goods and parking. It also permits certain home occupations by special exception when they do not meet all specifications. (Majority Vote Required)

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Question 3:

To see what action the town will take on the following proposed amendment to the town's zoning ordinance.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to clarify Article 2.4a? This article clarifies the definitions of Soils & Slopes Table and clarifies the necessity for state permits. (Majority Vote Required)

Question 4:

To see if the town will vote to accept the zoning ordinance for Yard, Garage, Barn Sales and Auctions:

Article 4 Special Provisions

4.8 Yard; Garage, & Barn Sales are permitted in all districts without permit, but only after notification to the Town Office. No such sale or auction may run for more than four consecutive (4) days.

Signage: There are no sign permits required for yard, garage, barn sales, or auctions, however, all signs must be removed within 24 hours of ending the sale. All signs must contain name, address, and telephone number of the sale's host, as well as the date (s) of the sale.

Signs are not permitted on utility poles, or within the public right-of-way. Failure to comply may result in a fine being levied of not more than \$275 a day from date of ordinance violation (RSA 676:17). (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 2 WAS READ AND DISCUSSED, THESE ZONING QUESTIONS WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eight thousand three hundred dollars (\$108,300) to purchase a 2004 Highway Truck and authorize the withdrawal of fifty-four thousand dollars (\$54,000) plus interest to date from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund and discontinue this fund for this purpose, with the balance of fifty-four thousand three hundred dollars (\$54,300) to come from the town's December 31, 2003 fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation for this article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

IT WAS MOVED BY AMY MORIARTY, SECONDED BY EDWARD DUPUIS TO ADD "TO SELL OR TRADE IN THE OLD TRUCK TO HELP OFFSET THE COST OF THE NEW TRUCK". THIS AMENDMENT PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE WILL APPEAR ON BALLOT AS AMENDED.

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Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing a new Highway Truck. And to remove the sum of \$5,000.00 from the December 31, 2003 surplus, monies already raised by previous taxation but not yet spent. Warrant article submitted by petition of 25 voters of the town of Ashland. Monies are to come out of the \$463,000.00 surplus as of December 31, 2003. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT WAS MADE BY NEALE BAVIS, SECONDED BY CAROLINE GOSSE TO HAVE THE ARTICLE READ AS FOLLOWS:

TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO CREATE A HIGHWAY TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AND TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5000.00) TO BE PLACED IN SAID FUND, SAID MONEY TO COME FROM THE 2003 UNEXPENDED FUND BALANCE. NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED FROM NEW TAXATION FOR THIS ARTICLE.

IT WAS MOVED BY MARK OBER, SECONDED BY DOUGLAS OBER TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT TO CHANGE FIVE THOUSAND (\$5000.00) TO TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00)

THIS AMENDMENT PASS BY HAND VOTE AND THE ARTICLE WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS AMENDED.

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing a new Fire Truck. And to remove the sum of \$50,000.00 from the December 31, 2003 surplus, monies already raised by previous taxation but not yet spent. Warrant article submitted by petition of 25 voters of the town of Ashland. Monies are to come out of the \$463,000.00 surplus as of December 31, 2003. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

IT WAS MOVED BY NEALE BAVIS, SECONDED BY GERARD CHOUINARD TO AMEND ARTICLE 5 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO CREATE A FIRE TRUCK CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AND TO RAISE AND APROPRIATE THE SUM OF FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000.00) TO BE PLACED IN SAID FUND, SAID MONEY TO COME FROM THE 2003 UNEXPENDED FUND BALANCE. NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED FROM NEW TAXATION FOR THIS ARTICLE.

THIS AMENDMENT PASSED BY VOICE VOTE AND WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS AMENDED.

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Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the balance of \$178,000 from the borrowing authority granted by Article #3 at the 1996 Town Meeting for the closure of the sanitary landfill. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommend this article.

THIS ARTICLE WAS READ AND WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the existing Ice Skating Rink Capital Reserve Fund and to transfer the funds in the amount of \$5,794.85 plus interest to date into the Town's General Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

THIS ARTICLE WAS READ AND WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 8:

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,794.85 for the construction of a new skating rink at the ballpark. These funds to come from the town's December 31, 2003 fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation for this article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

THIS ARTICLE WAS READ AND WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to create a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Sidewalk Fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend for the purpose of placing a sidewalk from the Ashland Mobil along Main Street to Ashland Lumber Company along West Street and further to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) to be placed in said fund and to authorize the use of the December 31, 2003 fund balance in that amount for this purpose with no amount to be raised from taxation. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

IT WAS MOVED BY RICK PARE, SECONDED BY DANIEL GOLDEN TO AMEND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT FROM \$16,000 TO \$1.00.

THIS AMENDMENT FAILED TO PASS BY HAND VOTE.

THE ARTICLE WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

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Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing West Street and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed into said fund. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommend this article.

THE ARTICLE WAS READ AND WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing the River Street Bridge over Squam River and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed into said fund. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

IT WAS MOVED BY TERRY FOUTS, SECONDED BY ROBERT MOORE TO ADD AFTER SAID FUND, “ SAID MONIES ARE TO COME FROM THE 2003 UNEXPENDED FUND BALANCE. NO AMOUNT TO BE RAISED FROM NEW TAXATION FOR THIS ARTICLE”.

THE AMENDMENT PASSED BY VOICE VOTE. THE ARTICLE AS AMENDED WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT

Article 12:

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$4,877,422? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$5,013,698 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Recommended by the Budget Committee. (Majority Vote Required).

IT WAS MOVED BY LEE NICHOLS AND SECONDED TO RESTORE \$2,499 TO THE SEWER BUDGET, \$2,499 TO THE WATER BUDGET AND \$5,499 TO THE ELECTRIC BUDGET TO THE RESPECTIVE BOTTOM LINES. THESE MONIES TO COVER THE AUDITOR FEES. THIS MOTION AND SECOND WAS REINDED.

IT WAS MOVED BY LEE NICHOLS, SECONDED BY KAREN NICHOLS TO CHANGE THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION TO BE RAISED FROM \$4,877,422 TO \$4,887,919.

THIS AMENDMENT PASSED BY VOICE VOTE AND THE ARTICLE WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS AMENDED.

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Article 13:

Are you in favor of changing the term of the town treasurer from one year to 3 years, beginning with the term of the town treasurer to be elected at next year's (2005) regular town meeting?

THIS ARTICLE WAS READ AND WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 14:

Will the Town vote to continue 24-hour police coverage? Non-binding Article.

THIS ARTICLE WAS READ AND WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its Boards, Commissioners, Committees and Officers for the year 2003 subject to corrections of errors when and if found. (Majority Vote Required).

THIS ARTICLE WAS READ AND WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of property taxes and authorize the Tax Collector to accept such prepayment as provided by RSA 80:52-a. (Majority Vote Required)

THIS ARTICLE WAS READ AND WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the amended Town Ordinance related to Dogs and other Domestic Animals.

THIS ARTICLE WAS READ AND WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

Article 18:

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

At this time Selectman Caroline Gosse recognized Neale Bavis for his service to the town as a member of the Board of Selectmen.

An announcement of the Meet the Candidates night to be held on Feb 9, 2003 at 7PM in the School Cafeteria was made by Moderator Glenn Dion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Patricia Tucker, Ashland Town Clerk
January 31, 2004

TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICIAL BALLOTING
MARCH 9, 2004

In accordance with the legally posted warrant, the polls were open by Moderator Glenn Dion at 9 AM. It was announced that the absentee ballots would be cast at 1 PM and the polls would not closed before 7 PM.

Election officials present were Moderator Glenn Dion, Town Clerk Patricia Tucker, Selectman Gerard Chouinard, Selectman Caroline Gosse, Selectman Neale Bavis, Supervisors of the Checklist Douglas Ober, Beverly Ober, Mary Ann Reinholz, Ballot Clerks Margaret Duguay, Josephine Brown, David Ruell, Eleanor Lyford.

The following ballot counters were sworn in by Town Clerk Patricia Tucker – Anne Abear, Neale Bavis, Linda Guyotte, Helen Knowlton.

Number of Registered Voters	1059
New Voters Registered on March 9, 2004	10
Total Registered Voters	1069
Number of Voters Casting Ballots on March 9, 2004	369
Percentage	35%



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
2004 ANNUAL TOWN AND
SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 9, 2004**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice (s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than two

DANIEL P. GOLDEN 310 ☐

ROBERT G. MOORE 141 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

One Year Term Vote for not
more than one

DOROTHEE (DOTTIE) J. CROFTON 244 ☐

AMY MORIARTY 90 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

TOWN MODERATOR

Two Year Term Vote for not
more than one

PHILIP PRESTON 318 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

TOWN TREASURER

One Year Term Vote for not
more than one

LINDA D. GUYOTTE 345 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**TRUSTEE OF THE
TRUST FUNDS**

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than one

RICHARD PARE 312 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**SUPERVISOR OF
THE CHECKLIST**

Six Year Term Vote for not
more than one

MARYANN REINHOLZ 320 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than one

ALICE P. STAPLES 308 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEMBER**

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than four

ROBIN J. FISK 261 ☐

DAVID RUELL 267 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEMBER**

One Year Term Vote for not
more than one

NEALE BAVIS 284 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**ELECTRIC
COMMISSIONER**

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than one

ERNEST C. HUTTER 308 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**WATER/SEWER
COMMISSIONER**

Three Year Term Vote for not
more than one

BRIAN MORIARTY 109 ☐

ERNEST A. PAQUETTE 237 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

ARTICLES

Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eight thousand three hundred dollars (\$108,300) to purchase a 2004 Highway Truck and authorize the withdrawal of fifty -four thousand dollars (\$54,000) plus interest to date from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund and discontinue this fund for this purpose, with the balance of fifty-four thousand three hundred dollars (\$54,300) to come from the town's December 31, 2003 fund balance. To sell or trade in the old truck to help offset the cost of the new truck. No amount to be raised from new taxation for this article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

YES ➡ 179
NO ➡ 161

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to create a Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in said fund, said money to come from the 2003 unexpended fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation for this article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

YES ➡ 176
NO ➡ 161

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to create a Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) to be placed in said fund, said money to come from the 2003 unexpended fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation for this article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

YES ☐ 155
NO ☐ 197

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the balance of \$178,000 from the borrowing authority granted by Article #3 at the 1996 Town Meeting for the closure of the sanitary landfill. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommend this article.

YES ☐ 271
NO ☐ 74

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the existing Ice Skating Rink Capital Reserve Fund and to transfer the funds in the amount of \$5,794.85 plus interest to date into the Town's General Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

YES ☐ 263
NO ☐ 88

Article 8:

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,794.85 for the construction of a new skating rink at the ballpark. These funds to come from the town's December 31, 2003 fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation for this article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

YES ☐ 234
NO ☐ 119

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to create a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Sidewalk Fund and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend for the purpose of placing a sidewalk from the Ashland Mobil along Main Street to Ashland Lumber Company along West Street and further to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) to be placed in said fund and to authorize the use of the December 31, 2003 fund balance in that amount for this purpose with no amount to be raised from taxation. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does not recommend this article.

YES ☐ 114
NO ☐ 235

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing West Street and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed into said fund. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommend this article.

YES ☐ 168
NO ☐ 182

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing the River Street Bridge over Squam River and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed into said fund. Said monies are to come from the 2003 unexpended fund balance. No amount to be raised from new taxation for this article. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article.

YES ☐ 211
NO ☐ 142

Article 12:

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$4,887,919? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$5,013,698 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Recommended by the Budget Committee. (Majority Vote Required).

YES ☐ 264
NO ☐ 78

Article 13:

Are you in favor of changing the term of the town treasurer from one year to 3 years, beginning with the term of the town treasurer to be elected at next year's (2005) regular town meeting?

YES ☐ 217
NO ☐ 132

Article 14:

Will the Town vote to continue 24-hour police coverage? Non-binding Article.

YES ☐ 166
NO ☐ 186

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its Boards, Commissioners, Committees and Officers for the year 2003 subject to corrections of errors when and if found. (Majority Vote Required).

YES ☐ 308
NO ☐ 43

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
2004 ANNUAL TOWN AND
SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 9, 2004**

BALLOT 2 OF 2

Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of property taxes and authorize the Tax Collector to accept such prepayment as provided by RSA 80:52-a. (Majority Vote Required)

YES ☐ 277

NO ☐ 47

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the amended Town Ordinance related to Dogs and other Domestic Animals.

YES ☐ 203

NO ☐ 107

ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Three Year Term Vote for not more than two

MIRIAM E. BROWN 202 ☐

RICHARD N. BURGESS JR. 187 ☐

BRIAN CHALMERS 163 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**SCHOOL DISTRICT
TREASURER**

One Year Term Vote for not more than one

(Write-in) ☐

**SCHOOL DISTRICT
MODERATOR**

One Year Term Vote for not more than one

PHILIP PRESTON 302 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**SCHOOL DISTRICT
CLERK**

One Year Term Vote for not more than one

PATRICIA TUCKER 318 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MODERATOR

(1-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

QUENTIN BLAINE 254 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
FROM HOLDERNESS**

(3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

SCOTT BIEDERMAN 259 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
FROM PLYMOUTH**

(3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

KEN SUTHERLAND 244 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
FROM WENTWORTH**

(3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

SUSAN JUDD 242 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**TURN BALLOT OVER
AND CONTINUE VOTING**



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR
PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGES
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 9, 2004**

Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒

ARTICLES

Article 2:

Question 1:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to clarify Article 4.7, Bed & Breakfast? The amendment increases the required parking, establishes specifications for signage and lighting, and clarifies the necessity for state permits. (Majority Vote Required)

YES ☒ 203
NO ☐ 149

Question 2:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to clarify Article 4.6? This article clarifies the definition of Home Occupation and establishes specifications for advertising, signage, storage of goods and parking. It also permits certain home occupations by special exception when they do not meet all specifications. (Majority Vote Required)

YES ☒ 192
NO ☐ 155

Question 3:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to clarify Article 2.4a? This article clarifies the definitions of Soils & Slopes Table and clarifies the necessity for state permits. (Majority Vote Required)

YES ☐ 210
NO ☐ 133

Question 4:

To see if the town will vote to accept the zoning ordinance for Yard, Garage, Barn Sales and Auctions:

Article 4 Special Provisions

4.8 Yard, Garage, & Barn Sales are permitted in all districts without permit, but only after notification to the Town Office. No such sale or auction may run for more than four consecutive (4) days.

Signage: There are no sign permits required for yard, garage, barn sales, or auctions, however, all signs must be removed within 24 hours of ending the sale. All signs must contain name, address, and telephone number of the sale's host, as well as the date (s) of the sale.

Signs are not permitted on utility poles, or within the public right-of-way. Failure to comply may result in a fine being levied of not more than \$275 a day from date of ordinance violation (RSA 676:17). (Majority Vote Required)

YES ☐ 213
NO ☐ 140

WARRANT ARTICLES FOR PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Article 1: Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) for the construction and original equipping of new recreation/athletic field on land owned by the school district. The School Board recommends this appropriation.

YES ☐ 125
NO ☐ 202

Article 2: Shall the School District vote to authorize the School Board to negotiate and execute such tuition contracts as the board may determine advisable for students inside or outside the Pemi-Baker Regional School District. The School Board recommends this article.

YES ☐ 224
NO ☐ 99

Article 3: Shall the School District vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and, further, to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for such contingency fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation.

YES ☐ 143
NO ☐ 179

Article 4: Shall the School District vote to authorize and empower the School Board to borrow up to one hundred fifty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$157,500) representing a portion of the State of New Hampshire's share of special education costs for the 2004-2005 school year, pursuant to RSA 198:20-d upon such terms and conditions as the School Board determines in the best interests of the District; said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire pursuant to RSA:20-d; or to take any action in relation thereto. The School Board recommends this appropriation.

YES ☐ 177
NO ☐ 142

Article 5: Shall the School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Pemi-Baker Regional School Board and the Plymouth Regional Educational Support staff which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2004-2005	\$ 60,357
2005-2006	\$ 62,451
2006-2007	\$ 58,624

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand three hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$60,357) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. The School Board recommends this article.

YES ☐ 106
NO ☐ 213

Article 6: Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate two-thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the support of programs being offered by the Pemi Youth Center at 111 Main Street in Plymouth; namely, after-school programs including but not restricted to mentoring, assistance with homework, counseling, music lessons, recreation and creative arts, and for other activities in support of our area youth. (Submitted by Petition) The School Board does not recommend this article.

YES ☐ 134
NO ☐ 189

Article 7: Shall the School District vote to investigate the establishment of a charter school to be known as Pemi-Baker Academy and report back at the next deliberative session. The School Board recommends this article.

YES ☐ 163
NO ☐ 154

Article 8: Shall the School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session (deliberative session) for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$12,640,695 (twelve million six hundred forty thousand six hundred ninety-five dollars).

YES ☐ 205
NO ☐ 115

Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be either \$12,641,585 (twelve million six hundred forty one thousand five hundred eighty-five dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pemi-Baker Regional School District; or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This sum excludes the sums in warrant articles 1, 3, 5 and 6. The Board recommends this article.

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

MARCH 9, 2004 WRITE-IN RESULTS			
SELECTMAN - 3 YEAR TERM		BUDGET COMMITTEE - 3 YEAR	
Bavis, Joyce	1	Ash Sr., Richard	1
Bavis, Neale	1	Barr, Lorraine	1
Cole, Jim	1	Bavis, Neale	2
Crofton, Dorothy	2	Cole, James	8
Dion, Glenn	3	Crofton, Dottie	1
Dupuis, Edward	3	Cross, David	2
Holland, Mel	1	Dion, Glenn	21
Knowlton, Raymond	1	Dupuis, Ed	7
Marion, Vernon	8	Fahrner, Rhonda	1
Martin, Vernon	1	Fouts, Terry	2
Moriarty, Amy	2	Gilman, Ernie	1
Moriarty, Brian	1	Hughes, Kendall	1
Ober, Brad	1	Hughes, Kendall L.	2
Ober, Doug	1	Hutter, Ernest	1
Pack, Bill	1	Johnstone, Chris	1
Pare, Rick	1	Knowlton, Ray	1
Peters, Thomas	1	Leonard, Bruce	1
Proulx, Paul	1	Lyford, Jeff	1
Uhlman, Dan	1	Lyford, Ralph	1
SELECTMAN - 1 YEAR TERM		Marcroft, Deborah	1
Baker, Harold	1	Marcroft, Shirley	1
Cross, Nancy	1	Marion, Vern	3
Dion, Glenn	1	Martin, Vern	1
Peters, Thomas	2	Moriarty, Amy	3
Uhlman, Dan	1	Moriarty, Brian	2
Zock, Bob	1	Nesbitt, Lynne	1
MODERATOR		Norman, Sam	1
Bernard, Aprille	1	Ober, Bev	1
Dion, Glenn	5	Ober, Brad	2
Hutter, Ernest	1	Ober, Pam	2
Lyford, Ralph	1	Ogden, Gail	1
TREASURER		Pare, Rick	1
Knowlton, Raymond	1	Peters, Thomas	6
Moriarty, Amy	1	Randall, Gwen	1
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS		Reinholz, Mary Ann	1
Dupuis, Edward	1	Samson, Steve	1
SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST		Smith, Shaun	1
Knowlton, Helen	1	Stewart, Harvey	1
LIBRARY TRUSTEE		Uhlman, Dan	3
Gallien, Diane	1	Uhlman, Jeff	3
Reinholz, Mary Ann	1	Wrath, Jen	1
ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER		BUDGET COMMITTEE - 1 YEAR	
Bavis, Neale	1	Bernard, Aprille	1
Dupuis, Elliott	1	Dion, Glenn	12
Gosse, James	1	Dupuis, Ed	1
Holland, Mel	1	Hayes, Jack	2
Johnstone, Chris	1	Marion, Vern	1
Marion, Vernon	2	Reinholz, Mary Ann	1
Marsh, Tom	1	Uhlman, Dan	1
Ober, Doug	1	Uhlman, Laurie	1
Paquette, Ernie	2		
Yeaton, Joe	1		
Yeaton, Joy	1		

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NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY JANUARY 27, 2004

The polls were declared open at 8:00 AM by Moderator Glenn Dion. The ballot box had been inspected. Election officials were: Supervisors of the Checklist – Douglas Ober, Beverly Ober, Maryann Reinholz; Ballot Clerks – Margaret Duguay, Josephine Brown, David Ruell, Eleanor Lyford; Town Clerk – Patricia Tucker; Town Moderator – Glenn Dion.

The absentee ballots were cast at 1:00 PM.

The polls were closed at 7:00 PM. Patricia Tucker and Anne Abear counted the write-in ballots.

Election Results

Republican – President

Blake Ashby	0
Richard P. Bosa	1
John Buchanan	3
George W. Bush	112
Michael Callis	0
George Gostigian	0
Robert Edward Haines	1
Mark "Dick" Harnes	0
Millie Howard	1
Tom Laughlin	0
Cornelius E. O'Connor	0
John D. Rigazio	0
Jim Taylor	0
Bill Wyatt	0

President Write Ins

Wesley Clark	4
Howard Dean	6
John Edwards	9
John F. Kerry	5
Joe Lieberman	1
George Bush	1
Geo Clark	1

Republican – Vice President

Flora Bleckner	12
Red Jahncke	11

Vice President Write Ins

Dick Cheney	30
Wesley Clark	1
Constella Rice	1
John Edwards	2
John Donald Riggio	1
Raymond Newberry	1
John Kerry	1
Mrs. Wesley Clark	1
Howard Dean	1
Mayor Rudy Giuliani	1
Joe Lieberman	1
Pat Tucker	1

Democrat – President

Katherine Bateman	0
Carol Moseley Braun	0
Harry Braun III	0
Willie Felix Carter	0
Wesley K. Clark	37
Randy Crow	1
Howard Dean	91
Gerry Dokka	0
John Edwards	32
Dick Gephardt	1

Mildred Glover	0
Vincent Hamm	0
John F. Kerry	119
Caroline P. Killeen	0
Dennis J. Kucinich	5
Lyndon Larouche Jr	0
R. Randy Lee	0
Joe Lieberman	24
Robert H. Linnell	0
Edward T. O'donnell Jr	0
Fern Penna	0
Al Sharpton	2
Leonard D. Talbow	0

Democrat – Vice President – Write Ins

Wesley Clark	15
John Edwards	29
Al Gore	3
Dick Gephardt	2
Joe Lieberman	7
Bob Graham	1
Howard Dean	6
John Kerry	6
Carol Braun	1
Colin Quin	1
Edward Kennedy	1
Hillary Clinton	1
Al Sharpton	1

Patricia Tucker, Town Clerk – January 27, 2004

REPUBLICAN BALLOTS CAST	148	TOTAL ON CHECKLIST	1070
DEMOCRAT BALLOTS CAST	314	NEW REGISTERED TODAY – 61	
TOTAL CAST	462	PERCENTAGE VOTING	43%

TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
JULY 12, 2004

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ashland, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:


You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland School Gymnasium in said Town on Monday, July 12, 2004 at 7:00 PM to act upon the following article. Vote by official ballot will take place on Thursday, August 12, 2004 at the Dupuis Cross Post #15 Legion Hall at 37 Main Street. Polls will open at 9:00 AM and will close no earlier than 7:00 PM.

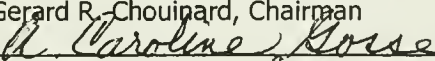
Article 1:

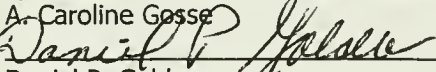
Shall the Town:


- (a) Authorize the expansion of electric service of the Town's Electric Department into the area of North Ashland Road and Route 175 by agreement with the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. for purchase of property and payment of damages pursuant to RSA 38:8 and 33 with terms and conditions negotiated by the Commissioners of the Electric Department;
- (b) Raise and appropriate sums not to exceed One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,700,000) for that purpose, including acquisition and construction costs and related expenses, by the issuance of bonds or notes up to that amount in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Revenue Bonds Act (RSA Chapter 33-B) and to thereby ratify the agreement for the purchase from the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. as provided by RSA 38:13;
- (c) To authorize the Commissioners of the Town's Electric Department to determine the manner of issuance and detail of the said bonds or notes as provided in RSA 33-B, including the term, interest rate and security therefore in the revenues of the Department; and
- (d) Rescind earlier bond authority made for such or similar expansion by the 1993 Town Meeting Warrant Article 3 and the 1994 Town Meeting Warrant Article 6. The Commissioners anticipate new offsetting revenue to be generated from the assets to be acquired from New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc of approximately \$150,000 per year.

The Ashland Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Ashland Budget Committee recommends this article. (Three-fifths majority vote required)




Gerard R. Chouinard, Chairman


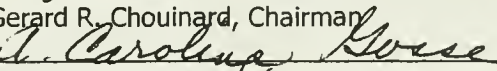
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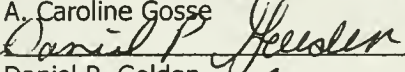
Daniel P. Golden


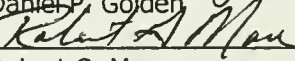
Robert G. Moore

Attest: A True Copy:



Gerard R. Chouinard, Chairman


A. Caroline Gosse


Daniel P. Golden


Robert G. Moore

June 21, 2004

TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MINUTES OF THE DELIBERATIVE SESSION
JULY 12, 2004

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ashland, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland School Gymnasium in said Town on Monday, July 12, 2004 at 7:00 PM to act upon the following article. Vote by official ballot will take place on Thursday, August 12, 2004 at the Dupuis Cross Post #15 Legion Hall at 37 Main Street. Polls will open at 9:00 AM and will close no earlier than 7:00 PM.

Moderator Philip Preston called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Article 1:

Shall the Town:

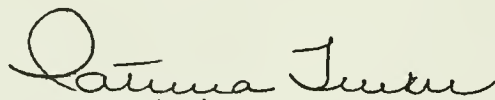
- (a) Authorize the expansion of electric service of the Town's Electric Department into the area of North Ashland Road and Route 175 by agreement with the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. for purchase of property and payment of damages pursuant to RSA 38:8 and 33 with terms and conditions negotiated by the Commissioners of the Electric Department;
- (b) Raise and appropriate sums not to exceed One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,700,000) for that purpose, including acquisition and construction costs and related expenses, by the issuance of bonds or notes up to that amount in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Revenue Bonds Act (RSA Chapter 33-B) and to thereby ratify the agreement for the purchase from the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. as provided by RSA 38:13;
- (c) To authorize the Commissioners of the Town's Electric Department to determine the manner of issuance and detail of the said bonds or notes as provided in RSA 33-B, including the term, interest rate and security therefore in the revenues of the Department; and
- (d) Rescind earlier bond authority made for such or similar expansion by the 1993 Town Meeting Warrant Article 3 and the 1994 Town Meeting Warrant Article 6. The Commissioners anticipate new offsetting revenue to be generated from the assets to be acquired from New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc of approximately \$150,000 per year.

The Ashland Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Ashland Budget Committee recommends this article. (Three-fifths majority vote required)

The article was presented and discussion followed. Ashland Electric Department Superintendent Lee Nichols facilitated the presentation.

THERE WERE NO AMENDMENTS MADE AND IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE ARTICLE WOULD APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT AS WRITTEN.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.


Patricia Tucker
Ashland Town Clerk

TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – OFFICIAL BALLOTING
AUGUST 12, 2004

In accordance with the legally posted meeting, official balloting on the following article took place at the Dupuis Cross Post #15 Legion Hall on August 12, 2004.

Election officials present were Moderator Philip Preston, Patricia Tucker, Town Clerk, Mary Ruell, Clerk Pro Tem, Ballot Clerks David Ruell, Margaret Duguay, Nancy Russell, Eleanor Lyford, Supervisors of the Checklist Beverly Ober, Douglas Ober, Maryann Reinholz.

The Ballot Box was inspected and the polls were declared open at 9AM, it was announced that absentee ballots would be cast at 1PM and that the polls would close no earlier than 7PM. Ballot counters were Philip Preston, Linda Guyotte, Patricia Tucker.

Article 1:


Shall the Town:

- (e) Authorize the expansion of electric service of the Town's Electric Department into the area of North Ashland Road and Route 175 by agreement with the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. for purchase of property and payment of damages pursuant to RSA 38:8 and 33 with terms and conditions negotiated by the Commissioners of the Electric Department;
- (f) Raise and appropriate sums not to exceed One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,700,000) for that purpose, including acquisition and construction costs and related expenses, by the issuance of bonds or notes up to that amount in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Revenue Bonds Act (RSA Chapter 33-B) and to thereby ratify the agreement for the purchase from the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. as provided by RSA 38:13;
- (g) To authorize the Commissioners of the Town's Electric Department to determine the manner of issuance and detail of the said bonds or notes as provided in RSA 33-B, including the term, interest rate and security therefore in the revenues of the Department; and
- (h) Rescind earlier bond authority made for such or similar expansion by the 1993 Town Meeting Warrant Article 3 and the 1994 Town Meeting Warrant Article 6. The Commissioners anticipate new offsetting revenue to be generated from the assets to be acquired from New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc of approximately \$150,000 per year.

The Ashland Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Ashland Budget Committee recommends this article. (Three-fifths majority vote required)

Total Ballots cast = 220
3/5 needed to pass = 132
Results were 160 Yes, 60 No

Moderator Philip Preston declared the article passed.


Patricia Tucker, Ashland Town Clerk
August 12, 2004

**NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 14, 2004**

In accordance with the legally signed and posted Notice to Voters, Moderator Philip Preston opened the polls at 8:00 AM. The ballot box was examined and the polls were declared to be open until 7:00 PM. Absentee ballots would be cast at 1:00 PM.

Election officials present: Moderator Philip Preston, Town Clerk Patricia Tucker, Selectmen Gerard Chouinard, Caroline Gosse, Daniel Golden, Robert Moore; Ballot Clerks David Ruell, Eleanor Lyford, Margaret Duguay, Josephine Brown; Supervisors of the Checklist Beverly Ober, Gosse, and Daniel Golden.

Democratic Results

Governor

Paul McEachern	8
John Lynch	56
Benson	3 write ins

United States Senator

Doris R. Haddock	51
Richard Brothers	1 write ins

Representative in Congress

Chris Owen	34
Paul W. Hodes	25

Executive Councilor

Burton	9 write ins
J. P. McCart	1 write ins

State Senator

Sid Lovett	56
Carl Johnson	2 write ins

State Representative

Burt Williams	2 write ins
Marg Maybeck	1 write ins
Jennifer Mitchell	2 write ins
Fran Taylor	1 write ins
Richard Brothers	1 write ins
Andrew Dorsett	1 write ins
Malcolm Taylor	1 write ins
David Ruell	1 write ins
J.P. McCart	1 write ins
Lauren Clark	1 write ins
Christopher Clark	1 write ins

Sheriff

Joseph Chivell	10 write ins
Dutile	12 write ins
Wingate	2 write ins

County Attorney

St. Hilaire	2 write ins
Ken Anderson	1 write ins
R. Tucker	1 write ins

Register of Deeds

Woods	1 write ins
Carol Elliott	1 write ins
A. Tucker	1 write ins

County Commissioner

Panagoulis	7 write ins
Ray Burton	1 write ins
P. Tucker	1 write ins

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE PRIMARY - SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

Republican Results

Governor

Craig Benson	127
Charles A. Tarbell	20
Dick Green	3 write ins
John Lynch	3 write ins

United States Senator

Judd Gregg	146
Michael D. Tipa	7
Tom Alciere	2

Representative in Congress

Charles Bass	124
Mark Brady	20
Jen Mitchell	1 write ins
Hobart Harmon	1 write ins

Executive Councilor

Raymond Burton	147
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State Senator

Richard Brothers	69
Carl R. Johnson	73
Sid Lovett	1 write ins

State Representative

Andrew Dorsett	99
Margie Maybeck	102
Burton Williams	87

Sheriff

Joseph G. Chivell II	57
Douglas Dutile	55
Barry W. Wingate	31
George Morris	1 write ins
D. Moyes	1 write ins

County Attorney

Richardo St. Hilaire	135
Anthony Landroche	1 write ins

County Treasurer

Carol Elliott	136
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Register of Deeds

Joel DuPuis	132
Anthony Landroche	1 write ins

Register of Probate

Rebecca Wyman	130
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County Commissioner

Bill Gabler	71
Steve S. Panagoulis	67

Delegate to State Convention

Barbara Griffin	1
Jeanette Stewart	1
Phil Preston	1
Norma Cole	3
Rick Ash	1
Caroline Gosse	1
Carl R. Johnson	1
Ann Reeve	1
Mark Brady	1
Andrew Dorsett	2
Eric Pelino	2
Fran Wendelboe	2
Jamie Lyford	1
Douglas Dutile	1

TOTAL VOTES CAST	227
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TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS	1071
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PERCENTAGE OF THOSE VOTING	21%
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GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 2, 2004

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the **TOWN OF ASHLAND** in the County of **GRAFTON**, New Hampshire.

You are hereby notified to meet at **ASHLAND SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, 27 HIGHLAND STREET, ASHLAND** on Tuesday, the second day of November, 2004. The polls will be open between the hours of **8:00 AM AND 7:00 PM** to act upon the following subjects:

To bring in your votes for President and Vice-President of the United States, Governor, United States Representative, Executive Councilor, State Senator, State Representatives and County Officers.

To bring in your votes on a Question Relating to a Constitutional Amendment as proposed by the 2004 general court.

Given under our hands and seal, this Fourth day of October, in this of our Lord two thousand and four.

Gerard R. Chouinard

Caroline Gosse

Daniel P. Golden

Robert G. Moore

Selectmen of Ashland

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested copy of the above Warrant at the place of meeting and at the office of the Town Clerk and Town Hall on the fourth day of October, 2004.

Gerard R. Chouinard

Caroline Gosse

Daniel P. Golden

Robert G. Moore

Selectmen of Ashland

Moderator Philip Preston opened the polls at 8AM. Absentee ballots were cast at 1PM. Election officials present Moderator Philip Preston, Assistant Moderators Edward Dupuis and Neale Bavis, Town Clerk Patricia Tucker, Assistant Clerk Linda Guyotte, Supervisors of the Checklist Beverly Ober, Douglas Ober, MaryAnn Reinholz, Ballot Clerks Margaret Duguay, Josephine Brown, Eleanor Lyford, David Ruell, Selectmen Daniel Golden, Caroline Gosse, Robert G. Moore and Anthony Randall.

The polls were closed at 7 PM, counters were Linda Pack, Linda Guyotte, Brad Ober, Daniel Golden, Patricia Tucker, Philip Preston.

Statistics

End of day total number on checklist = 1308

New registrants on November 2, 2004 = 195

Total Votes Cast = 1075

Percentage of those voting = 82%

RESULTS OF NOVEMBER 2, 2004
GENERAL ELECTION

Straight Republican	227
Straight Democratic	111

President/Vice President

George Bush/Dick Cheney	600
John Kerry/John Edwards	461
Ralph Nadar/Peter Camejo	9

Write in – Tosh Krauz	1
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Governor

Craig R. Benson	607
John Lynch	451

United State Senator

Judd Gregg	744
Doris "Granny" Haddock	296

Write in – Sid Lovett	1
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Representative in Congress

Charles Bass	677
Paul W. Hodes	301
Richard B. Kahn	43

Executive Councilor

Raymond S. Burton	942
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Write Ins

Eric Pelino	1
Robert McGill	1
Bruce Leonard	1
Tom Stewart	1
David Ortiz	2

State Senator

Carl R. Johnson	505
Sid Lovett	510

State Representatives

Andrew L. Dorsett	538
Margie Maybeck	526
Burton W. Williams	604
Jennifer Mitchell	435

Write Ins

Bob Tucker	1
Nancy Cross	1
Aprille Bernard	1

Sheriff

Douglas R. Dutile	877
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Write Ins

Chevet	1
Chevell	4
Wingate	6
Morris Scovided	1
George Morris	1

County Attorney

Ricardo St. Hilaire	885
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Write Ins

Madison Boemig	1
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County Treasurer

Carol Elliott	898
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Register of Deeds

Joel A. Dupuis	888
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Register of Probate

Rebecca R. Wyman	877
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County Commissioner

Bill Gabler	874
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Question relating to constitutional Amendment
Proposed by the 2004 General Court

Are you in favor of repealing and reenacting part II, article 73-a of the constitution in order to clarify that bother judiciary and legislature have the authority to regulate court practices and procedures and to resolve potential conflicts that may arise so that it reads as follows:

Art 73-a (Court Practices and Procedures) The chief justice of the Supreme Court shall be the administrative head of all the courts in the state. The chief justice shall have the power, with the concurrence of a majority of the other Supreme Court justices, to make rules of general application regulating court administration and the practice, procedure, and admissibility of evidence in all courts in the state. The legislature shall have a concurrent power to regulate the same matter by statutes of general application, except that such legislative enactments may not abridge the judiciary's necessary ad judicatory functions. In the event of a conflict between a rule promulgated by the judiciary and a stature enacted by the legislature, the stature, it not otherwise contrary to this constitution shall prevail over the rule. (This question is submitted to the voters by the 2004 Legislature on Votes of 256 to 69 in the House of Representatives and 18-6 in the Senate. CACR5)

Yes	450	No	325
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*Fictional Characters not recorded

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Submitted by Richard J. Alpers

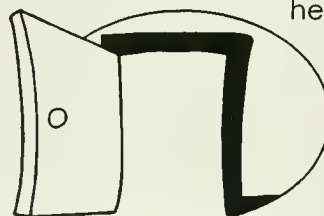
This was a year full of change in the town office staff here in Ashland. Anne Abear was here until June, she left for a position in Tamworth and we thank her for her hard work over the years here in Ashland. In that same month the Board of Selectmen entrusted Laura Plummer to act as administrative assistant on an interim basis until a full time administrator was hired. Laura and Patsy went above and beyond the call of duty and we commend them for this. It made for an interesting summer here in the town hall. I am proud to say, along with the Board of Selectmen, that the staff pulled together as a team and got the job done.

In September Jen Corriea of Corriea Enterprises was hired to fill the part time bookkeeper position. She has done an amazing job getting the town caught up on the financial statements and has brought some new innovative ideas on how we handle our finances.

I was hired on November 15, 2004 and enthusiastically jumped in. My short time here has been very busy and fast paced. When I arrived there was plenty to do and many people to meet. The town office staff and I completed the budget in record time. The select board and I worked together to bring the budget down as much as we could without hurting the needs of the town. We recognized the amount of surplus we have had over the past two years and are working diligently to stop that by level funding the town's budget. The town property values were updated which resulted in the tax rate dropping significantly from the past two years and we hope to keep it at this stable level.

2004 was the Department of Revenue Administration review compliance year for Ashland. Vision Appraisal, along with our current assessors from MRI, worked long and hard to bring our property values up to state mandated standards. After the process was completed we were back in line with the Department of Revenue criteria. The tax rate came down this year, and we believe most residents in town did feel some sort of relief.

As for 2005, we will continue to grow as a town and hopefully prosper in many different ways. I look forward to Ashland grow. As I said when I first my door is always open and I look with the residents of Ashland over the

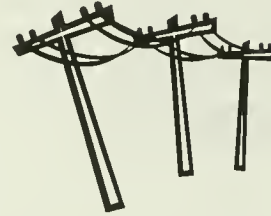


helping the Town of started here in Ashland, forward to working next year.

ASHLAND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

*Submitted by Commissioners Ernest Hutter, Raymond Knowlton, Melvin Holland and
Superintendent Lee V. Nichols*

2004 was a busy year for the Ashland Electric Department. As most of you know we negotiated with the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative to purchase the customers in Ashland that reside on North Ashland Road and Route 175 areas. We had planned on the transfer as of the first of the year; however, due to some complications, we are aiming for late spring of 2005.



We continue to have a mild growth with setting eight (8) new meters and fourteen (14) new poles. We also installed 3,575 feet of primary wire (both overhead and underground) and 1,133 feet of secondary wire.



We, the Commissioners and employees of Ashland Electric wish each and every one of you a happy and prosperous new year.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT

Submitted by Robert B. Hicks

2004 was a very busy year for building in Ashland with eighteen (18) new housing units, well made, sturdy structures. Most of the building was in the North Ashland Road and Hicks Hill Road area. Ashland's homeowners are investing in their homes and the town by adding onto or fixing up their property. Our housing standards board is dealing with the few unsafe and deteriorating buildings.

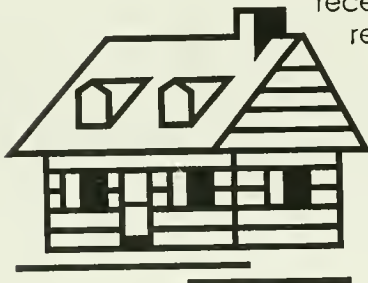
Maintaining good, safe building and code compliance is what we all want for Ashland. We have a good team with Frank Murdock, our electrical inspector, and Jerry Bridgham, our plumbing inspector, both quality men, and knowledgeable in their trade. Ashland built twelve new homes and two commercial buildings, with many additions and other building improvements.

Applications for permits can be obtained during regular Town Office hours, five days a week, 8 AM to 4 PM. We are always just a phone call away, arrangements can be made for on-site meetings, and inspections are made within a reasonably appointed time.

2004 has been a very active year for Ashland Building, 192 permits have been issued since January 1st, with fifteen new housing starts. (twice the amount of 2003) plus two steel buildings, and one three family building.

Income for permits total	2003-	\$9,035.96	2004	\$11,115.00
Total town improvements	2003-	\$3,464,815.00	2004	\$4,323,208.00

	2003	2004
1. Building Permits	81	74
2. Electric Permits	37	37
3. Plumbing Permits	29	31
4. Oil Burner Permits	23	26
5. Driveway Permits	7	11
6. Sign Permits	10	4
7. Demolition Permits	5	9
8. Mobile Home Permits	1	1



Inspections and site planning have increased this year, we have received many inquires for building regulations and information regarding new business and zoning. We use The International Building Codes 2000, along with our Ashland Building and Zoning Regulations. Our goal is to provide help for Ashland residents with their building needs and to administer the regulations as fairly and promptly as possible.

ASHLAND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Mark W. Ober, Road Agent

The projects that were funded by the 2003 Road Improvement Bond were finalized this year. We completed the projects by applying a coat of one inch pavement.

Sections of North Ashland Road (8200 feet) and Hicks Hill Road (1800 feet) were paved this year. The remaining sections of these roads are planned for paving if the project is funded in the 2005 budget.



A drainage project on Thompson Street, with five (5) new catch basins and 400 feet of drainage pipe was completed this summer. This should help take care of the ice problems in that area during the winter months.

Ditches were cleaned on Leavitt Hill Road, Sanborn Road, and Thompson Street with the help of a local contractor's excavator.



A gravel shoulder was put on Owl Brook Road and Highland Street with the help of the Town of Holderness and their equipment; in exchange we did some roadside mowing for them.

The town purchased a new truck for the Highway Department this year; we expect delivery of this vehicle in early 2005.

General maintenance projects were completed this year along with assisting other departments with their projects.

I wish to thank all the town employees for their help this year.

TRANSFER/RECYCLING FACILITY

Submitted by Mark W. Ober

This year at the Transfer Recycling Center we made three bunkers to store our brush, compost and metal piles.

The yearly rubbish continues to be in the 800 to 850 ton range and the construction/demolition is over 250 ton. I feel that 800 tons of "rubbish" is a lot for a town of 2000 people. These figures are a direct result of non-compliance of the mandatory recycling ordinance.



The recycling program, for those who comply, is doing well; **we could do better.**

on our **rubbish removal.** removal, the more we pay for



Remember we make a few dollars recyclables; **we have to pay for** Our tax dollar is used for the rubbish more you throw in the hopper, the removal.

By the end of nearing the 250 ton

2004, the recycled material will be level.

With the help and compliance of all the facility users decrease the rubbish tonnage and increase the materials.



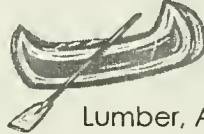
we can recycled

PARKS AND RECREATION - 2004

Submitted by Director James R. Gleich

Programming:

Ashland Parks and Recreation has had a wonderful year! We started off the New Year with the introduction of a new Floats / Boat Building with Children and thank the following businesses and people donations of building materials: Ashland Elementary School, Freudenberg-Nok, Rochester Shoe Tree, New Found Woodworks, Riveredge Marina, Neale Bavis, Craig Moore, The Morrell Family, The Vachon Family, and Cynthia Kern. Without the help and generosity of these people the program would have never happened. By the way, all of the boats did float and the kids had fun with the whole experience.



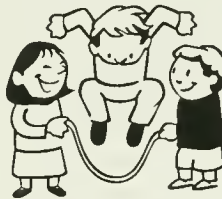
The Summer Day campers registered with counselors and staff for all next summer. With help School program exploded registered as of December. recent years for this days a week with Tuesdays



to offer our thanks the Bill Tirone for his assistance with our program. In addition, Lisa Fligg has returned as the "After School Program Assistant." Her dedication to the program and students clearly make her a valuable part of the staff at Ashland Parks & Rec. Thank you Lisa for all that you have done this year. We received anonymous donations that were very helpful in enhancing our programs. With their help we were able to upgrade some of our equipment that the children use at the After School Program.

Camp Program was well received. We had 64 the program. I would like to thank all of the of their great work. We are looking forward to from a successful summer program, our After with new applicants. We have 33 students This has been one of the largest registrations in program. The program is now operating five taking place at the school cafeteria. I would like

Throughout the year many Ashland residents participated in numerous programs sponsored through Parks & Recreation. various cooking classes, movie field tubing at Cannon, and more. Many repeated in 2005 due to their there will be numerous large-scale like sewing, boat building, and more like to see a particular program in and I will try my best to bring it to life.

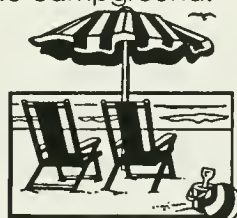


These activities included trips, holiday parties, snow of these programs will be popularity. In the New Year workshops on various skills cooking classes. If you would Ashland, just let me know

Campground & Beach

The campground and beach has seen a lot of activity this past year; everything from boat races to parties at the beach. The Edward Doggett Campground was at full capacity. All 23 sites were filled and well used this past summer. We are looking forward to another packed summer at the campground.

The Ashland Town the summer. We opened the bathrooms too much well residents and fellow beach opportunity to thank all of the their long hours and



Beach was a blur of activity during new concession booth and received attention by the town goers. I would like to take the lifeguards and beach staff for all of dedication to the beach and the

beach patrons. Next summer the beach concession area is looking to increase their variety of snack foods being offered. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the beach next summer.

Facilities Updates:

Throughout 2004 many of our facilities have been involved in some type of renovation or refurbishment. All of these improvements have helped to increase the quality of our building but also the quality of our programming available to the community. These improvements are as follows:

- Completion of the following building projects:
 - Hand railing and motion sensor lights at the Booster Club
 - Painting of the Beach House Bathrooms. (My thanks go out to the boys from the Becket House of Rumney for all of the great assistance.)
- Proposed projects for the new year include:
 - Lifeguards stands being built by Ashland Elementary School.
 - Replacing the Booster Club kitchen floor.
 - More to follow as they are discovered.



Many thanks need to go out to all the members of the community who had helped make these repairs possible. Without all of your help, contributions of time, effort and donations these repairs and upkeep would be impossible. My thanks to Raymond Knowlton, Mark Ober, Lee Nichols, and all of the gentlemen at the Highway Department, for your assistance with the various project throughout the year. Last but not least, I would like to thank Laura, Patsy, and Eli for everything they have helped me with throughout the year.

Community Involvement:

There are many ways for you (residents of Ashland) to become involved within Parks & Recreation:

- Attend programs
- Volunteer some of your time to help an activity happen.
- Suggest or Teach a class of interest
- Chaperone a trip
- Sponsor a camper
- Become a counselor at the summer program
- Serve on the Parks & Recreation Committee.
- Be a concerned citizen; let us know if you notice something out of the ordinary.
- Think of us when you are cleaning out those attics, garages, playrooms, and basements. (Many thanks to the individuals who did this in 2003; your donations help make many of our programs possible)
- Donate some time to help build something
- Serve as a handyman.

These are just a few ways in which individuals can become a part of our Parks & Recreation program. The more people that get involved, the more the Ashland Community can grow. Help us bring even more diverse program to your community. Help us grow to meet the needs of our great community. Many thanks to everyone who helped make the 2004-year possible. Here's to making 2005 an even better year.

ASHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Submitted by David Ruell, President

2004 was another busy year for the Ashland Historical Society. The Whipple House Museum was closed in 2003 so that the Society's collection could be reorganized, and the museum refurbished. The first floor of the museum did reopen, with an ice cream social, on July 4 this year. In the spring, the middle room was renovated, with the tired old wallpaper removed, and the walls and trim repainted. New display lighting was added in the middle room closet and the first floor hallway. The stairs were repainted and the stair tread repaired. A new permanent exhibit on the life of Dr. George Hoyt Whipple was installed in the hallway, along with an exhibit on music. The middle room, which will be used for rotating exhibits, featured a display on women's fashions of the 1920's this summer. Smaller exhibits focused on weaving, PeeWee Duguay, and the 4th of July.



Upstairs, the back bedroom was converted to a workroom with two new worktables. The former upstairs bathroom was made more usable for its present function as a storage area by the removal of the old bathtub, and the installation of new shelves. The cataloging of the museum collection, with digital photos of each object, continues. And the collection grew with many new items, such as glass negatives of a family camp on Little Squam Lake in the 1890's and the street front sign for Bailey's store, which was such an Ashland landmark for decades.

In their second year of work, the four members of the archives committee completed virtually all of the basic sorting and filing of the numerous documents, newspapers, books, photographs, and other paper items, that have been acquired over the years by the Society. To store the books, magazines, scrapbooks, ledgers, etc., the two long walls of the small library room were lined with bookcases, including five new ones, one donated and four built with materials given by Ashland Lumber Company. The company also donated the materials for three large shelf storage units built in the attic of the apartment shed to store boxes of newspapers and documents, as well as two jack posts to better support the attic floor. File drawers and cabinets, including three recently donated units, were used in the large library room to store folders and photographs.



The Whipple House apartment required some investment this year. The bathroom renovation was completed with a new bathtub surround and new paint on the walls and trim. Two unanticipated expenses for the apartment were the replacement of the middle room space heater and the hot water heater. On the exterior, the entry ceiling was re-plastered and thirty shutters repaired and repainted. Two old maple trees on the north boundary were trimmed to keep their branches from dropping on the neighbor's property.

The Pauline E. Glidden Toy Museum had another successful year, with new exhibits and several physical improvements. Storage shelves were built in the attic and cellar. The curtains were revamped and Security was improved by updating the alarm system and the locks. A window screens added. A sump pump were installed in the basement. Brush



was removed from the grounds. A new

membership support group, The Friends of the Glidden Toy Museum, was established. The first issue of an annual museum newsletter and museum postcards were published. The Toy Museum sponsored public events, the Young Ladies Tea, the Appraisal Day, and a bus trip to the Wenham Museum, as well as a tea and a luncheon for the museum volunteers.

The Railroad Station Museum sponsored its annual events, the Pemi Valley Model Train Show at the Plymouth Senior Center and the Veterans Weekend dinner train ride. Research continued on a plan to build a siding at the station for display of rolling stock and rental of caboose spaces. A protective fence was installed around the large woodstove.

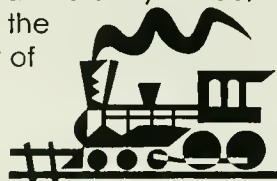
The preservation of the historic Ashland school Building took some steps forward this year. In March, the Ashland School Board and the Community Action Program finally signed a sales agreement. TCCAP subsequently plan review approval from the Planning Board from the ZBA needed to proceed with its plan old school for Headstart and other community big task that remains is to raise the rest of the project. The Historical Society is helping a grant writer to apply to private foundations held a successful Duck Derby on August 28 as part of the Community Council's Day on the Town. Hundred of our plastic ducks raced for 64 prizes donated by area businesses. The Society has also been selling sponsorships of the windows, windowpanes, and bricks of the old school. This is a good opportunity to participate and to remember relatives and friends.



Tri-County purchase and received site and variances to renovate the programs. The money for this TCCAP by paying for grants. We

The Historical Society continued to sponsor historical programs that were free to the public. In 2004, they included the history of Memorial Day in Ashland, a walking tour of the village, genealogical research; muster days in New Hampshire, the adventure of Indian captive Susannah Johnson, home milk delivery in New England, and a concert of early Edison phonograph recordings. We held our usual annual fundraiser, a fine lobster dinner catered by the Common Man, in Memorial Park in August. To meet our unanticipated expenses, we also held a special Dinner in a Bowl in October, with chili and beef stew cooked by our members and served in donated bowls the diners could keep.

This year, the Society paid for a pass available to all patrons of the Town Library that provides free admission to the N.H. Historical Society Museum and Library. We hope that people will take advantage of this pass to visit the interesting state historic al museum or to do research at the state's major historical library. The Society continued to exhibit enlarged reproductions of historic Ashland photographs at the Utility Office, with displays this year of former lodging places, parades, bridges and the station. We adopted a mission statement and a conflict of policy.



railroad interest

All of these accomplishments would not be possible the work of many volunteers and the donations of supporters. We would like to end by thanking all who contributed to the Society's programs and projects in 2004.

without many

ASHLAND HISTORIC COMMISSION 2004

Submitted by Robert B. Hicks, Chairman

Ashland's history is found in several ways, written histories, family genealogies, cemetery inscriptions, vital records, roads and buildings. Every house has a history of its own. The family didn't have to be famous or their names inscribed on a monument, just the fact that a family lived their lives within its walls, and sheltered by its roof. Its glass was used to peer out at a particular time in history. For that reason people of historic interest love to see a house or building repaired, and feel a sense of loss when one is let go, deteriorating to the point of demolition. One building we all know well is Ashland's Town Hall and Police Department.



Photograph courtesy of the Ashland Historical society

(circa 1900)

Ashland Town Hall (written by Doris S.Tatham 1989)
For the Grafton County Historic and Genealogy Society

The first Hall on this site was the Livermore Hall. (Squam Lake Hall) Dances, social gatherings, were held there. As many as three Bands held concerts there. It was built about 1840. The Hall burned April 5th 1871.

Jonathan F. Keyes and Susan Keyes sold the land to the Town of Ashland for \$500.00. (Bounds mentioned in the deed were "dwelling house of Dr. John A. Dana (former John Ernest and later Carleton Beard house) St. Marks Episcopal Church, and the highway. (Highland Street) "The said town on its part, agreeing to build and keep in repair in all coming time, a good and substantial fence between the above described land and the adjoining land of sd. J. F. Keyes." Dated 25th of July 1871. (Book 319 P. 514 Aug. 3 1871)

The building of the Town Hall started soon after. There was a stage, a stove with a long stove pipe, a balcony, and cloakroom. The Town "Lock-up" or jail was in a small brick building beside the Town Hall. In recent years, it was used as a Dog Pound.

In 1898, Ashland appropriated \$2,000. for a Soldiers Monument.
(Town of Ashland 1,500.00, GAR 200.00, Woman's Relief 300.00)

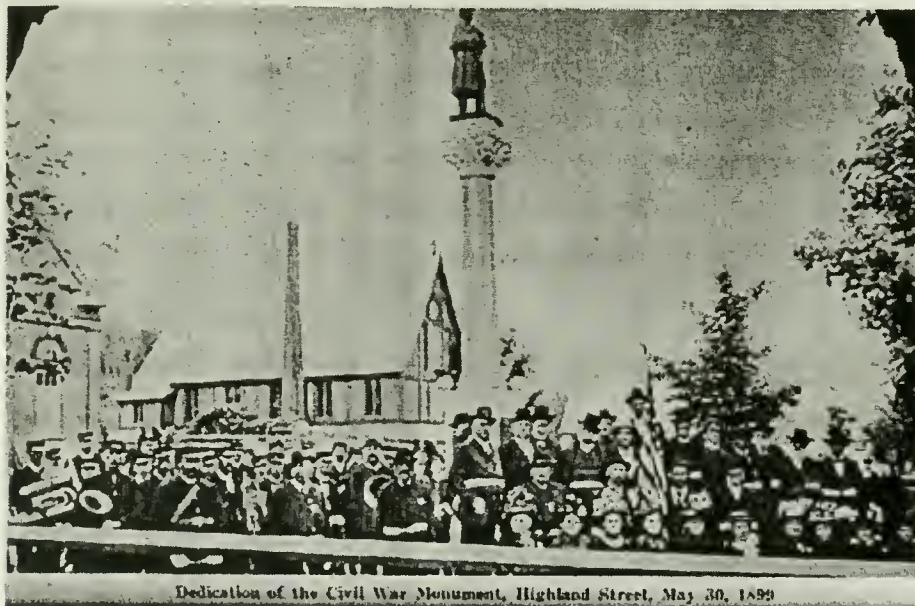
The site chosen was the Town Hall grounds. Ashland contributed 83 men to the union in the Civil War, one man for every ten persons in town.

The GAR donated \$200 and the Women's Relief Corps raised \$300. Colonel T.P. Cheney, Frank L. Hughes, and Edward P. Warner were appointed committee in charge. The monument is of Concord granite with bronze tablets on four sides. There is a bronze statue seven feet high at the top of a soldier at parade rest.

About ten days before the dedication, a special Town Meeting was held. Some of the citizens decided that the monument should be on Main Street. A drinking fountain at the juncture of Main, Thompson, and Mill Streets had to be moved. James O. Clark and his horse moved the monument intact.

The Town Hall houses the Town Office, Selectmen's Room and the Police Station. At one time there were classrooms on the second floor.

The Livermore Hall stood on this site as early as 1840. It was used for dances, meetings, socials, and Band Practice. It burned in 1869. Jonathan F. Keyes, who had the first bank in town purchased the land. When the village part of Holderness became the industrial and more populated sector, there were many disagreements as to town



Photograph courtesy of the Ashland Historical society (1899)

expenditures and meeting places. Finally, July 1868, the village sector became a new town, Ashland, and was known as the Four Mile Township.

The Town Hall was built in 1871, was used for Town Meetings, Selectmen's offices, basketball games and entertainment. Before 1900, the Soldiers monument, now at Monument Square, was in the Town Hall yard. After months of controversy, newspaper headlines, and bitter words, it was moved to Monument Square.

ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Chief Joseph Chivell

2004 has been an active year for the members of the Ashland Police Department.

We continue to be proactive in the areas of patrol and awareness. The officers make a concerted effort to patrol and check every area of town throughout their shifts. Although there is no way to place a number of criminal actions that are prevented, I believe their efforts are reflected in the activity report numbers.

We also continue to make every effort in educating the area youth of ways to be safe and lead a healthy and productive life.

I've spent many hours this summer with a group of residents in an effort to review the police budget and activities to assure that the town is receiving a high level of service for a reasonable cost. I would like to thank Dan Golden, Richard Ogden, Bob Moore, Dean Eastman, Kelly Shaw, and David Pearson for volunteering their time this summer on this study committee.



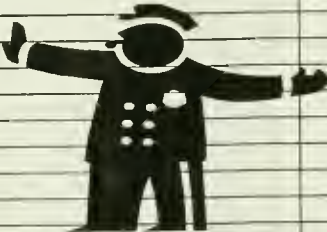

The officers of the Ashland Police Department are available and on duty twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Most hours are spent on patrol. The Department does not staff the office, thus creating a limited amount of business hours. If you visit the police station and find the door locked please call our dispatch center at 968-3224 and the duty officer will respond to assist you. In the case of an emergency please call 911.

As always the department would like to thank the citizens of Ashland for their continued support in our efforts to make this a safe community.



We extend our appreciation to the other departments within the town for their support and assistance throughout the year.

I would also like to thank the members of the police department for their efforts to keep Ashland a safe and enjoyable community during this past year.

2004 Police Activity					
Service Calls *		5,422	Criminal Activity		
Aid to Public	1,185		Adult Arrests	185	
Aid to Fire/Ambulance	181		False Imprisonment/Criminal Restraint	9	
Aid to other Law Enforcement	194		Interference with Custody	5	
Aid to other Town Agency	75		Assaults	29	
Civil Standby	55		Sexual Assault	4	
Alarms	64		Criminal Threatening	28	
911 Hang-up Calls	30		Stalking	3	
Missing Persons	10		Domestic Violence Act	26	
Animal Complaints	106		Attempted Burglary / Burglary	5	
School Crossing	335		Willful concealment / Shoplifting	2	
Business/Door Checks	14,361		Theft	52	
M/V Complaint	93		Fugitive From Justice	3	
Attempted Suicide / Suicide	5		Underage Alcohol Violations	18	
Lost / Property	22		Receiving Stolen Property	7	
Check the Welfare	37		Criminal Mischief / Vandalism	51	
Suspicious Activity	111		Illegal Drug	15	
Juvenile Cases	30		Computer Crimes	5	
Delinquency	15		Felon in Possession of Weapons	1	
Run-a-way	13		Registered Sex Offenders	8	
C.H.I.N.S	2		Issuing Bad Checks	14	
			Loitering	4	
			Public Nuisance / Disorderly Conduct	28	
			Protective Custody - Intoxication	23	
			Endangering welfare of Minor	1	
			Harassment	36	
			Trespass	41	
			Littering	9	
			Violation of Court Orders	8	
			Theft of Service	11	
			Motor Vehicle Activity		
			Summons Issued	100	
			Warnings Issued	704	
			DWI	26	
			Motor Vehicle Accidents	85	
			Abandoning a Vehicle	37	
			Transporting Alcohol	10	
			Assist Motorist	148	
			Parking Tickets Issued	149	
			Community Involvement		
			D.A.R.E.		
			NH Special Olympics		
			Project Childsafe		
			July 4th Committee		
			Domestic Violence Council		
			File of Life		
			Halloween Safety		
			Child/Youth Bicycle Safety		
			Ashland Community Day		
* Recorded by Plymouth Dispatch not including officer initiated activity or police department walk ins					
					

ASHLAND WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

AQUARION SERVICES COMPANY

Submitted by Russell Cross Jr,

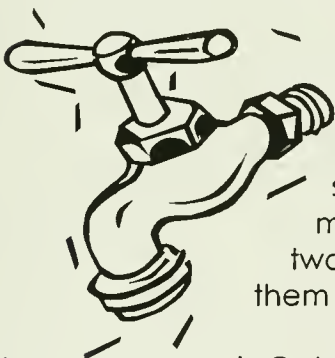
2004 has been a busy year for the Water and Wastewater Departments.

This past winter presented many problems with below average temperatures. There were thirty water meter freeze ups. In late February the 6" water main on Depot Street broke due to the frost being so deep.

The fire hydrants were all flushed in May.

Several sections of the town sewer lines were inspected and flushed this past year.

During the summer and fall there were four new water services and three new sewer services connected to the system.



Over the summer electricity was installed to the water tower. In late November the solar system was disconnected and the electricity was connected to run the SCADA system which controls the start up and stopping of the wells. In the past years during the winter months the batteries would have to be changed every two to three days because of the lack of sunlight to keep them charged.

In early October 550 feet of new 8" sewer main was replaced on Winter Street due to an extensive root problem,.

Throughout the year many projects have been including painting, brush cutting, mowing and maintenance items.

Both the water and wastewater plants have met all State and Federal requirements for the past year.



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REPORT OF THE WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Submitted by Ernest Paquette, Robert Boyle and Daniel Golden

It has been another busy year for the water and wastewater department:

- Jackson Pond was sold
- Water and sewer lines extended up Leavitt Hill for 3 more camps
- Winter Street sewer line replaced from Hill Avenue down to Paper Mill Road
- Computer update
- Power to water tank
- Fuel tank for plant truck
- Water break on main line for Route 132
- Alarm system installed at sewer plant building and lab
- New water and sewer lines at the Ashland Schools
- Many of the main sewer lines were flushed
- Projects included brush cutting, mowing and general maintenance
- Relining of sewer line on Riverside Drive
- Raised manholes on Riverside Drive

As you know we contract with Aquarion Services to run the water and sewer plants. The budget for this service was \$256,086 for 2004. The following is a summary list of the services that we realized for this service:

- Meet all effluent requirement of the NPDES
- Properly handle biologically toxic materials
- Adhere to Clean Water Act
- Routine maintenance of all property of the water and sewer departments
- Perform all testing required by owner's NPDS Permit
- Responsible for all federal, state, and local permits
- Provide certified staff to meet with all state requirements
- Provide training of service and operations of the plant
- Provide security – locks, fence etc
- Maintain all records of operation
- Provide owner with a monthly report
- Provide operating budget for upcoming year
- Attend to repairs and replacement needs
- Report all inventory
- Maintain accounting records

We received a rebate in the amount of \$2645 this year.

2004 TOWN WELFARE REPORT

(For emergency assistance)

Submitted by Welfare Officer Robert B. Hicks

Town welfare dollars for 2004 continued a trend upward; mainly due to a lack of affordable housing and area shelters. Many people who are working, or receive state benefits, cannot find housing they can afford.

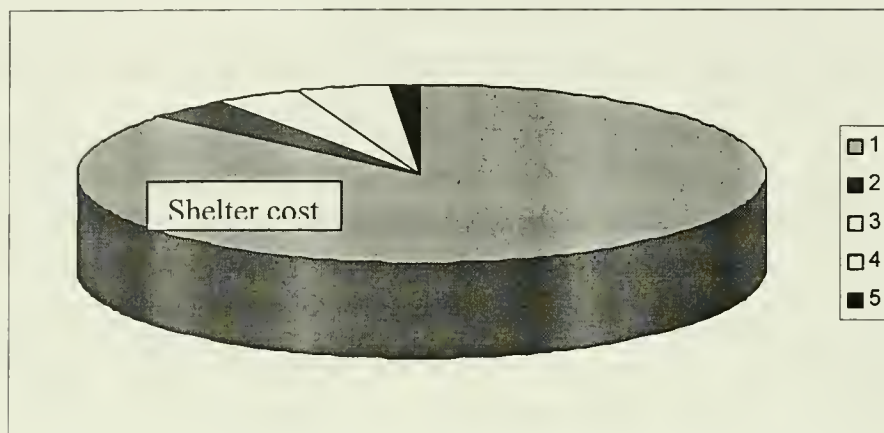
Our most common problem is shelter, affordable living, people have nowhere to turn. Some of our private tenement housing needs a lot of maintenance, and people are paying high rents with little, to no options, in deteriorating buildings.

A major problem is family shelters in our area. Plymouth has the Pemi House, a small shelter, that hasn't been able to help any Ashland residents in ten years. We have had to send people to Concord and Manchester for shelter. Transporting them and relocating them is never easy. People must be treated with respect and dignity when they ask for help for basic needs. In the past ten years I have seen the costs related to everyday living turn up, while welfare funding and Social Security seem to be standing still. An average rent in Ashland is about \$700-\$900; while the average Social Security check hardly covers that alone.

The Churches in Ashland and our Community Center, plus other food programs do a great job feeding the towns people in need, but shelter costs add up fast, thousands of dollars are needed. We need more resources, state and federal welfare programs are great, but the process is so time consuming it takes up to a year to process claims. For example - if a person becomes disabled and can't work, they file for Social Security disability. It can take 4 to 12 months before they receive their first check. If their rent is \$700.00 per month, they need up to six thousand dollars just to hold on, factor in food, medicine, electric and other costs they might need ten to twelve thousand dollars before they receive any funding. The average person I see gets turned down at least once during the process. In fact it is so bad, there are organizations springing up to work for the applicants to push through the programs, but they take as much as thirty percent of what the applicant receives. That means 30% of what our taxes should be used for, (the needy), is going to expedite the process.

In most all situations the programs are in place, but the process becomes more and more cumbersome. Plus, in the last few years, more employers are finding reasons to fire workers instead of laying them off. This prevents our citizens from collecting Employment Security for many weeks, and starts a process of hearings, plus blotting their work record, meanwhile the burden is laid on the towns. All these situations add cost to each town's welfare programs. Ashland's welfare budget was up 20% this year.

Housing	Electric	Food	Medication	Fuel	Total 2004
\$ 22,777.11	\$ 990.30	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 1,216.61	\$ 352.15	\$ 26,416.17



\$26,416.00 was the total amount, paid in vouchers for emergency assistance. Of that \$22,777.00 went for shelter costs. Just over one hundred clients received emergency assistance.

As welfare director, I see first hand the concerns of our citizens for basic needs. We try to help with information on housing, jobs, and guide clients to the proper agency to provide long term needs.



LAND USE BOARDS

Submitted by Interim Town Planner Ellison Badger

It was another busy year for both the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Planning Board held twelve public meetings and ten work sessions. The Zoning Board heard seven cases.

The Planning Board granted eight (8) requests for Site Plan Review, three (3) subdivisions and four (4) boundary line adjustments. In addition, the Board held eleven (11) informational hearings.

The Planning Board worked on the Master Plan and a change to the Zoning Ordinance zone definitions creating multi-use zones instead of industrial zones to better serve the business and light industrial needs in Ashland.

The Board will continue to work on the Master Plan in 2005. The Board will be gathering demographical information this spring. Please see the Town of Ashland's web site for updates when they become available. As always, public input is very important to the process, and the Planning Board invites all those interested to come to the work session meeting and voice your opinions. Master Plan work session dates will be posted at the Town Office, the Post Office and on the town web site for your convenience.

The Planning Board is a seven member board with three alternates. At the time of this report members include Chairman Richard Bagge, Vice Chairman Frank Stevens, Secretary Robert Boyle, Gordon McCormack Jr, Don Latulippe, Donald Porell, and Board of Selectmen's representative Robert Moore. The Board wishes to thank Jeffrey Belyea, who resigned this year, for his contributions to the board.

The Zoning Board of Appeal (Adjustment) is a five member board with three alternates. The ZBA granted six (6) variance requests and two (2) special exceptions. This year the ZBA had an increase in its volunteer membership. At the time of this report members include Chairman Mark Hormell, Vice Chairman Michael Lembo, Elaine Allard, Brian Moriarty, Francis Murdock, Ernest Gilman and Paul Bradbury. James Alba resigned this year, and we acknowledge his contribution to this board.

The town's web site is <http://www.ashland.nh.gov>.

ASHLAND FIRE AND RESCUE REPORT

Submitted by Fire Chief Thomas Stewart

Many changes occurred within the department in the year 2004. Fire Chief Norman "Scott" Weden took on more responsibility at his full time job, so he decided to resign as the chief. Scott has since move to Plymouth and joined the fire department there. First Deputy David Paquette has resigned in order to spend more time with his family. I wish them both well with their new endeavors.

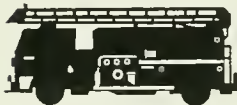
Charles Fouts has taken over the First Deputy Chief position and Bradley Ober has become Second Deputy Chief. I am pleased to have promoted these two men to their new positions.

During this past year we received \$51,925.00 in grant money from the "Fire Act Grant" which has been used to replace our old air packs. We were able to buy sixteen (16) new air packs with this money. The town had to pay 10% of the cost. We also received a 50/50 "Forestry Grant" in the amount of \$500 (the town matched the \$500) which was used to purchase two (2) mop up kits for forestry and two (2) lengths of hose. We also received \$4698.97 from the "Homelands Defense Grant" which was used to purchase ram equipment for the Jaws of Life. For a grand total of \$56623.97 cash we received upon spending \$6,200 for the department. This really helps the fire department and the town; we thank all the firemen who spent endless hours writing these grants.

It was another busy year for the to 117 fire calls, 208 medical calls and 87 motor totaling 412 calls for service. January 2004 was with a total of 55 calls.



department responding vehicle accidents – the busiest month



We are also working on replacing the ladder truck and refurbishing the other two engines that we have. This will go before the voters at the 2005 meeting.

We want to take this time to pay tribute to former firemen Harold Baker, Roland Morrell, and Stanley Lamond. Their time and to the department will never be forgotten.



dedication

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made it possible for me to become the new chief.

ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Submitted by Ruth Knapp, Chairman

The Conservation Commission, once again, had a very busy year. Members attended many meetings throughout the Grafton County Conservation District and the State Department of Environmental Services. Our members also participated in the Squam Lakes Watershed Project meetings.

The Commission met several times to discuss the Mill Pond Dam Restoration project; followed by on site inspections. The Town Beach project was approved and completed. 2004 was a busy year for dock permits that were submitted and approved; timber harvesting permits were plentiful throughout town. Milfoil remains a constant source of trouble throughout the entire Squam Lakes Region. Town perambulation will be a new project for the upcoming year.



The commission accepted Dan Golden's resignation and we would like to express our gratitude for his enthusiasm and professional attitude.

We anticipate two new members to join the commission this year and we encourage any town residents that may be interested to join this commission.

We thank our citizens and the state for their support in the efforts of the Conservation Commission.

ASHLAND TOWN LIBRARY

Submitted by Library Trustees: Jill Mudgett, Alice Staples, and Julia Smith

2004 proved to be a year of continued growth for the Ashland Town Library. Our number of registered patrons increased, our circulation numbers continue to rise, and our offerings through our collection and additional programming have expanded.



The Library has been able to offer over 135 programs to the members of the Ashland Community this year. We have added several new programs to our usual list of offerings. New programs this year include; computer classes for adults offered as a collaborative effort with Ashland's Parks and Recreation director, Jim Gleich. Thanks to the generosity of the Ashland Woman's Club we were able to offer a Children's Theater program which was well attended and well received by the community. We were once again the recipient of a grant from Kids, Books, and the Arts, through which we were able to invite a storyteller to perform during our summer reading program.

Our own Clare Robson joined us this year to lead a book discussion group focused on her book titled "Love in Good Time." Author Katherine Towler joined us to discuss her book "Snow Island" and Mary Emma Allen visited the Library to conduct a writing workshop.

The success of the Library would not be possible without the efforts of our volunteers. This year our worked especially hard in organizing Ashland Town Library. This is a non that is dedicated to the support of the is interested in joining the Friends contact the Ashland Town Library for



volunteers have the Friends of the profit organization Library. If anyone Group they should further information.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Julia Smith to the Board of Trustees and to extend a special thank you to the staff of the Ashland Town Library - Sara, Weinberg, Terry Fouts and Noreen Crawford all of whom give freely of their time and talent to improve the offerings of the Library. Our thanks go out to all of you.

LIBRARY FINANCIAL 2004*			
Balance January 1, 2004		Bank Accounts	
Income		<u>CHENEY FUND</u>	
Ashland Historical Society	\$ 50.00	Balance 1/1/04	\$ 189.49
Copier Fees	\$ 94.96	Ending Balance 12/31/04	\$ 189.49
Frances Platt Fund	\$ 8.13	<u>ORDWAY FUND</u>	
Fundraising	\$ 781.85	Balance 1/1/04	\$ 128.33
Grant	\$ 85.00	Ending Balance 12/31/04	\$ 128.33
Interest Income	\$ 3.50	<u>PAULINE PACKARD MEM. FUND</u>	
Patron Fees	\$ 346.69	Balance 1/1/04	\$ 69.89
Penworks	\$ 263.12	Ending Balance 12/31/04	\$ 69.89
Phillip Stevens	\$ 103.67	<u>PHILIP STEVENS BOOK FUND</u>	
Town Appropriation	\$ 44,225.00	Balance 1/1/04	\$ 103.67
		Withdrawals	\$ 103.67
Total Income	\$ 45,961.92	Balance 12/31/04	\$ -
		<u>FRANCES M. PLATT FUND</u>	
Expenses		Balance 1/1/04	\$ 8.13
Audios	\$ 1,192.24	Withdrawals	\$ 8.13
Books	\$ 6,957.59	Balance 12/31/04	\$ -
Collection Supplies	\$ 1,324.43	<u>HARRIET ADDISON FUND</u>	
Copier Supplies	\$ 164.95	Balance 1/1/04	\$ 124.87
Dues	\$ 45.00	Ending Balance 12/31/04	\$ 124.87
Equipment	\$ 498.24	<u>FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT</u>	
Office Supplies	\$ 83.75	Balance 1/1/04	\$ 2,072.52
Payroll	\$ 29,879.78	Deposits	\$ 1,395.10
Postage	\$ 177.00	Withdrawals	\$ 2,664.85
Printing	\$ 314.00	Balance 12/31/04	\$ 802.77
Software	\$ 198.89	<u>PENWORKS ACCOUNT</u>	
Programs	\$ 624.09	Balance 1/1/04	\$ 262.47
Subscriptions	\$ 671.97	Interest	\$ 0.65
Tech Support	\$ 395.00	Withdrawals	\$ 263.12
Utilities	\$ 1,590.78	Balance 12/31/04	\$ -
Videos	\$ 1,381.49	<u>COPY/FAX FEES</u>	
		Balance 1/1/04	\$ 449.52
Total Expenses	\$ 45,499.20	Interest	\$ 1.45
		Deposits	\$ 294.70
Balance on Hand January 3, 2005	\$ 479.77	Withdrawals	\$ 173.95
		Balance 12/31/04	\$ 571.72
		<u>PATRON FEES</u>	
		Balance 1/1/04	\$ 482.42
		Interest	\$ 1.74
*Unaudited		Deposits	\$ 485.00
		Withdrawals	\$ 346.69
		Balance 12/31/04	\$ 622.47
		<u>MITZI'S GARDEN OF READING</u>	
		Beginning Balance 09/01/04	\$ 200.00
		Deposits	\$ 1,310.00
		Interest	\$ 1.34
		Balance 12/31/04	\$ 1,511.34

ASHLAND JULY 4 CELEBRATION – 2004

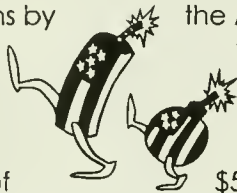
Submitted by Mary W. Ruell, Coordinator/Treasurer

Because July 4 was a Sunday in 2004, we held all the events on Saturday July 3 with great success.

We saw several improvements in 2004, not the least of which was new wiring and outlets at the Ballpark (paid by July 4 funds), thus eliminating the fumes and noise produced by separate generators brought in by the concessions.

The evening entertainment continued to feature One-Man Band and MC Art Harriman and included Jim Gleich, Ashland's new Park and Recreation Director, who organized the program and also performed. Rental of a larger sound system for the area helped.

Donations by the Ashland Woman's Club and the Legion Auxiliary remained at their high level. Volunteers from the Squam Area Chamber of Commerce raised \$778 by monitoring three parking lot sites. Bob's Shurfine doubled their own contribution by appealing to Associated Grocers of New England for a match, making a total of \$500. In addition, their customers dropped almost \$300 more in a jar at the cash register. Donations from local and area businesses are also significant and much appreciated.



The Committee invited Lumina Straw, lifetime resident and helper to many, to be the Grand Marshal of the parade. The Bridges family, marshals of the 2003 parade, report that they are doing well in their new location in North Carolina.

We are especially pleased members of the Committee, as always, we appreciate the Highway and Electric of the Common Man.



with the work of the relatively new well as that of the "old timers". As assistance of the Police, Fire, Departments and the generosity

We also thank all who participated in the "best Fourth of

worked, all who donated, and all who July Celebration around".

ASHLAND JULY 4 COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL REPORT - 12/31/04

Balance on hand January 1, 2004	\$	11,732.89
Town Patriotic Appropriation	\$	1,500.00
Interest	\$	6.11

INCOME

DONATIONS

Organizations (3)		
American Legion Auxiliary	\$	468.00
Ashland Woman's Club	\$	300.00
Squam Chamber of Commerce	\$	778.00
Individuals	\$	125.00
Businesses (25)	\$	2,270.00
Total	\$	3,941.00

COLLECTIONS

Field	\$	1,561.10
Button Sales	\$	1,080.67
Customers (2 stores)	\$	378.08
Total	\$	3,019.85

FOOD EVENTS

Pancake Breakfast	\$	2,568.00
Barbecue	\$	1,244.00
Food Booth	\$	930.50
Total	\$	4,742.50

OTHER

Concession Fees	\$	1,755.00
Raffle Proceeds	\$	316.00
T-Shirt sales	\$	1,384.00
Total	\$	3,455.00

Total earned	\$	15,158.35
Total available	\$	28,397.35

EXPENDITURES

Fireworks display	\$	7,500.00
Parade Units (4)	\$	1,850.00
Entertainment	\$	100.00
Sound System rental	\$	200.00
Publicizing	\$	264.00
Buttons cost	\$	324.00
Food cost (3 events)	\$	1,000.00
T-Shirt cost	\$	1,212.55
Portable toilets (6)	\$	600.00
Tags	\$	108.32
Postage	\$	37.00
Total Expenditures	\$	13,195.87
Net Income	\$	15,201.48
Less Electrical Improvements at ballpark	\$	1,777.18

Balance at Meredith Village Savings Bank	\$	13,424.30
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ASHLAND MEMORIAL PARK

Submitted by Memorial Park Trustees – Marion Merrill, Chair, Mary Ruell

Ernest Hutter, Philip Preston

Once again we can report with pride that the Ashland Memorial Park has been and is a beauty spot in the heart of our town. It is the view by which our town is judged and the credit goes to everyone who took a part, large or small, in providing the funds to develop it and the interest in maintaining it free of litter and vandalism. We hope you will all enjoy what you have provided.



We sincerely thank the Ashland Garden Club for planting and tending the old fountain base and the flagpole and watering trough areas. It shows their expertise, eye for beauty, and cooperative spirit by keeping our public areas beautiful.

A problem we will face in the future who used its ugly face this summer when the lower Squam River was drawn down for several weeks while the dam was being repaired. The dam that forms the ponds that provides the lovely backdrop for the park has long been kept in repair by L.W. Packard Company, which no longer has a need for it. They responded to the state's requirements this year by do not foresee doing it again. Any future owner of the mill property may or may not have an interest, so the Park Trustees will need to stay on top of future developments and state requirements to make sure that the pond is maintained.

As you can see by the accompanying financial report, we have received minimal returns from our invested trust fund and have been doing the absolute minimum for the maintenance of long ago, the park has been developed and use of tax funds, and we intend to keep that most encouraged if someone were to make a help us do that; our mailing address is PO Box 320,



been especially frugal in the park. As we pledged maintained without the pledge. We would be memorial gift that would Ashland, NH 03217.

ASHLAND MEMORIAL PARK

FINANCIAL REPORT 2004

BALANCE-JANUARY 1, 2004	\$	1,127.32
Interest for year	\$	0.65

RECEIPTS

USB Financial Service	\$	307.46
A.G. Edwards Trust Fund	\$	1,000.00
A.G. Edwards Trust Fund	\$	2,000.00
Donations (Use of park)		
Ashland Historical Society	\$	75.00
Community Council of Ashland	\$	25.00
Total	\$	3,407.46
Total Available	\$	4,535.43

EXPENDITURES

-	\$	3,285.00
Post office box, postage	\$	31.40
Total Expenditures	\$	3,316.40

Balance December 31, 2004		
Meredith Village Savings Bank	\$	1,219.03

INVENTORY OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY								
MAP/LOT	DESCRIPTION	ACRES	LAND VALUE	BUILDING VALUE	BOOK	PAGE	DATE	
003-002-004	96 COLLINS STREET (LANDFILL)	28.4	\$ 45,800.00	\$ 22,100.00	1142	551	6/9/1971	
003-003-001	NEW HAMPTON TOWN LINE	3.4	\$ 17,900.00					
003-003-002	137 COLLINS STREET (WWTF)	108	\$ 167,400.00	\$ 9,024,000.00		222	4/22/1955	
004-001-003	72 CEDAR LAND (PUMP STATION)	36.34	\$ 82,800.00	\$ 17,800.00	2191	54	4/15/1996	
004-002-015	JCT HILLSIDE AVE/MAIN STREET	0.44	\$ 8,800.00					
004-004-001	99 MAIN STREET (BALLFIELD / BOOSTER CLUB)	7	\$ 233,700.00	\$ 164,000.00				
	DEED - SULLIVAN				562	119		
	DEED - SPAULDING				826	71	11/1/1952	
	DEED - KILPATRICK				969	156	4/30/1962	
	DEED - BROWN				770	328		
	DEED - KNAPP				1087	510	1/8/1969	
011-003-008	ROUTE 3 (SCENIC VIEW ROAD) / OWL BROOK RD	0.05	\$ 1,000.00		2394	653	5/24/1999	
011-003-010	ROUTE 3 (SCENIC VIEW ROAD) / OWL BROOK RD	0.04	\$ 950.00		2394	651	5/24/1999	
011-006-004	LEAVITT HILL ROAD (EDWARD DOGGETT BEACH)	1.5	\$ 239,500.00	\$ 3,300.00	863	431	5/18/1955	
012-005-003	LEAVITT HILL ROAD (E. DOGGETT CAMPGROUND)	5.2	\$ 39,250.00	\$ 28,200.00				
014-001-001-002	HYDRO DAM ON STATE LAND			\$ 147,500.00				
014-001-020	RIVER STREET (BOAT LAUNCH)	0.15	\$ 35,750.00					
015-001-001-A	RIVER STREET / CROSS ROAD		\$ 23,300.00					
015-001-020	RIVER STREET / CROSS ROAD	1.1	\$ 1,850.00		549	503		
015-002-019	RIVER STREET	1.4	\$ 23,900.00		471	126		
015-002-020	RIVER STREET	0.04	\$ 900.00		1109	519	3/3/1970	
015-002-021	RIVER STREET	1.3	\$ 12,050.00		2394	652	5/24/1999	
016-002-001	HIGHLAND AND MAIN STREET	0.046	\$ 8,800.00					
016-003-020	EDUCATION WAY (ASHLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS)	26	\$ 312,200.00	\$ 2,879,200.00				
016-007-001	20 HIGHLAND STREET (ASHLAND TOWN HALL)	0.61	\$ 49,150.00	\$ 306,700.00	1167	405	7/3/1972	
016-009-004	RIVERSIDE DRIVE	0.06	\$ 5,100.00		2155	649	8/24/1995	
					2155	653	8/24/1995	
016-009-009	MAIN STREET/RIVERSIDE DRIVE (MEMORIAL PARK)	0.94	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 3,200.00				
	DEED - MARINE LAND				1099	430	8/25/1969	
	DEED - SIRLES LAND				1099	425	9/26/1969	
017-001	MAIN STREET / DEPOT STREET	0.07						
017-006-009	12 PLEASANT STREET (WHIPPLE HOUSE)	0.93	\$ 56,700.00	\$ 202,100.00	1120	106	7/21/1970	
017-007-001	41 MAIN STREET (SCRIBNER LIBRARY)	0.4	\$ 154,850.00	\$ 169,200.00	SCRIBNER WILL JAN 1935			
017-007-012	MAIN STREET (LEGION BUILDING LAND)	0.75	\$ 191,100.00		712	169		
017-008-001	MAIN AND MECHANIC STREET (PARKING LOT)	0.31	\$ 71,700.00	\$ 4,900.00	661	84		
017-009-001	9 MAIN STREET (ASHLAND FIRE STATION)	0.59	\$ 175,800.00	\$ 351,300.00				
017-011-002	DEPOT STREET	0.02	\$ 800.00					
017-013-008	WASHINGTON STREET	0.402	\$ 17,150.00		2394	650	5/24/1999	
018-001-001	6 COLLINS STREET (UTILITY/TOWN GARAGE)	3.5	\$ 35,600.00	\$ 236,500.00	1359	656		
018-004-001	HAROLD AVERY STREET	0.55	\$ 9,600.00		1416	659	3/5/1981	
018-004-002	HAROLD AVERY STREET	0.52	\$ 9,500.00		1416	659	3/5/1981	
018-004-034	HAROLD AVERY STREET (WATER TOWER)	1.2	\$ 23,500.00	\$ 828,000.00	1424	233	6/17/1981	
025-002-005	WEST SIDE TOWN LINE - RANGE		\$ 16,700.00					
	SOURCE - DEEDS AND PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS IF FOUND							

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY - 2004				
USE	ADDRESS	BULDING VALUE	VALUE OF CONTENTS	
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING / POLICE	20 HIGHLAND STREET	\$ 242,600.00	\$ 200,000.00	
FIRE STATION	9 MAIN STREET	\$ 393,300.00	\$ 130,000.00	
LIBRARY	41 MAIN STREET	\$ -	\$ 451,000.00	
HISTORICAL MUSEUM	12 PLEASANT STREET	\$ 171,800.00	\$ 50,000.00	
TOWN GARAGE	6 COLLINS STREET	\$ 304,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	
STORAGE SHED - ELECTRIC	6 COLLINS STREET	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 30,000.00	
STORAGE SHED (4) AT HIGHWAY	6 COLLINS STREET	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
SEWER PLANT (5) BUILDINGS	137 COLLINS STREET	\$ 6,613,200.00	\$ 250,000.00	
SUBSTATION	18 COLLINS STREET	\$ 750,000.00	\$ -	
PARK / RECREATION BUILDING	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 71,700.00	\$ 40,000.00	
BATHHOUSE	284 RIVER STREET	\$ 20,700.00	\$ 1,000.00	
SQUAM RIVER COVERED BRIDGE		\$ 260,000.00		
REPEATER ANTENNA	PEPPERCORN ROAD	\$ 6,000.00		
WATER TREATMENT PLANT	72 CEDAR LANE	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	
TWO DUGOUTS - BALLFIELD	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 3,400.00		
GATE HOUSE/BATHHOUSE - BEACH	19 LEAVITT HILL ROAD	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
GAZEBO AT BALL PARK	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 3,500.00		
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 2,500.00		
CONCESSION STAND AT BALLPARK	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 800.00		
WATER STORAGE TANK	68 HAROLD AVERY STREET	\$ 10,000.00		
TRANSFER STATION BUILDINGS	96 COLLINS STREET	\$ 30,000.00		
SKATING RINK	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 17,387.00		
SEWER PUMP STATION	148 RIVER STREET	\$ 200,000.00		
SEWER PUMP STATION #2	242 RIVER STREET	\$ 200,000.00		
SEWER PUMP STATION #3	RIVERSIDE DRIVE	\$ 200,000.00		
GRINDER PUMP	299 RIVER STREET	\$ 2,500.00		
**SOURCE : LGC PROPERTY SCHEDULE				

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION 2004		
VALUE OF LAND ONLY		
CURRENT USE		\$ 311,268.00
CONSERVATION RESTRICTION		\$ 1,734.00
RESIDENTIAL		\$ 38,498,800.00
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL		\$ 11,800,450.00
TOTAL TAXABLE LAND		\$ 50,612,252.00
VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY		
RESIDENTIAL		\$ 101,156,600.00
MANUFACTURED HOUSING		\$ 1,916,000.00
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTIAL		\$ 22,467,600.00
TOTAL TAXABLE BUILDINGS		\$ 125,540,200.00
PUBLIC UTILITIES		
ELECTIC UTILITIES		\$ 773,050.00
TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES		\$ 773,050.00
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		
BLIND EXEMPTIONS		\$ 45,000.00
ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS		\$ 751,066.00
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED		\$ 796,066.00
NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY LOCAL TAX IS COMPUTED		\$ 176,129,436.00
NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED		\$ 175,356,386.00
**THIS INFORMATION IS TAKEN FROM THE DRA MS 1 FORM (2004 SUMMARY VALUATION OF INVENTORY)		

TAX RATE COMPUTATIONS - 2004							
TOWN PORTION							
	TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS		\$	6,757,014.00			
	LESS - REVENUES		\$	5,297,999.00			
	LESS - SHARED REVENUES		\$	33,105.00			
	ADD- OVERLAY		\$	29,370.00			
	ADD - WAR SERVICE CREDITS		\$	16,900.00			
	NET TOWN APPROPRIATIONS				\$	1,472,180.00	
	APPROVED TOWN TAX EFFORT					\$	1,472,180.00
	MUNICIPAL TAX RATE						\$ 8.36
SCHOOL PORTION							
	NET SCHOOL BUDGET		\$	2,101,736.00			
	REGIONAL SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT		\$	1,071,854.00			
	LESS - ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT		\$	(728,262.00)			
	LESS - STATE EDUCATION TAXES		\$	(467,190.00)			
	APPROVED SCHOOL TAX EFFORT					\$	1,978,138.00
	LOCAL EDUCATION TAX RATE						\$ 11.23
STATE EDUCATION TAXES							
	EQUALIZATION VALUATION (NO UTILITIES) x	\$	3.33				
		\$140,297,440				\$	467,190.00
	STATE SCHOOL TAX RATE						\$ 2.66
COUNTY PORTION							
	DUE TO COUNTY		\$	249,721.00			
	LESS - SHARED REVENUES		\$	(3,824.00)			
	APPROVED COUNTY TAX EFFORT					\$	245,897.00
	COUNTY TAX RATE						\$ 1.40
	TOTAL TAX RATE						\$ 23.65
	TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES ASSESSED				\$	4,163,405.00	
	LESS WAR SERVICE CREDITS				\$	(16,900.00)	
	ADD VILLAGE DISTRICT COMMITMENT				\$	-	
	TOTAL PROPERTY TAX COMMITMENT				\$	4,146,505.00	
				PROOF OF RATE			
	NET ASSESSED VALUATION				TAX RATE	ASSESSMENT	
	STATE EDUCATION TAX (NO UTILITIES)	\$	175,356,386.00	\$	2.66	\$	467,190.00
	ALL OTHER TAXES	\$	176,129,436.00	\$	20.99	\$	3,696,215.00
						\$	4,163,405.00
Signed by Barbara Robinson, Department of Revenue Administration							
	2-Nov-04						

GENESIS – 2004 ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted by Michael Coughlin, Executive Director

To the Residents of Ashland:

Genesis Behavioral Health is very grateful to the Town of Ashland for your 2004 appropriation. This funding helped Genesis cover the costs of providing mental health care to residents of your town who are unable to pay the full cost of their services.

During Fiscal Year 2004 (ending June 20, 2004), a total of 50 Ashland residents came to Genesis to find help for their mental health problems. Their ages break down as follows:

Ages 1 to 17 – (18); Ages 18 to 59 – (28); Age 60 and over - (4)
Totaling 50

From this total, 12 residents did not have the resources to cover the costs of their services in full. This "charity care" totaled \$12, 820. Your appropriation helped cover a portion of those costs.

Since 1966, Genesis Behavioral Health has provided mental health services for residents of the Lakes Region. Services are provided to children in schools, at home and in special programs designed to help the children practice the skills they need to improve their lives. Elders may receive services in their homes, group homes or nursing homes. Our Gatekeeper Program trains community volunteers to be alert to elders living alone who may need assistance. The Genesis Community Support Program provides services for adults living with life-long mental illnesses. Finally, individual therapy for adults and children can help address issues causing distress as well as provide guidance towards positive behaviors. Genesis emergency services are available 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

It's a fact. One out of five Americans will experience some kind of mental illness every year. Residents seeking mental health care are urged to call Genesis in Laconia at 524-1100.

PEMI-BAKER HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE ASHLAND TOWN REPORT – 2004

The Town of Ashland representative on the board is Mary Ruell. Pemi-Baker Home Health and Hospice provides your community with a multitude of services and programs. Some of the new initiatives during 2004 have been....

- Continuing participation in the Home visiting NH program called "Healthy Mom, Happy Baby", a collaborative effort with Speare Memorial Hospital
- Foot Care clinic at the Plymouth Senior Center
- "Channel 3: "Your Health Matters" presented 5 programs for local viewing, including
- Channel 3 – "The Doctor is In" are tapes provide by Dartmouth Hitchcock and run every week
- Hospice Volunteer Education Programs and annual training
- Added Quality management position to staff
- Participation in PSU Center Health Forum and Cancer Walk
- Blood Pressure Clinics and information sessions to the Business Professional Women's Club in Plymouth and the Hebron Women's Club, the Warren Senior lunch, the Town of Groton at the Library, and the NH Cooperative Annual Meeting
- Provided immunizations clinics to the Russell School in Rumney, Holderness Central School, Thornton Elementary School, Plymouth Elementary School and Ashland Elementary School
- Participation in the Plymouth Regional High School's LNA/LPN program
- The Grafton County Home forum was held at the Grafton County Nursing Home on September 20. The four home care agencies in Grafton County provided a luncheon program to state representatives, selectmen, commissioners and legislative candidates. The program detailed the shortcoming of Medicaid reimbursement for home care services and was well attended by concerned government officials
- Wellness Fair – Pemigewasset National Bank
- Hospice Presentation – Holderness School, Sophomore Class
- 2004 Annual Hospice Tree and Garland lighting ceremonies at Dresser's Unlimited and Pemigewasset National Bank – West Plymouth

As we continue to be active in the community, we live our mission as a non-profit organization that is to serve our member towns and surrounding communities by providing health care and hospice services to individuals and families in their homes and in the community. From our patient satisfaction surveys, community support of our annual campaign and letters of appreciation from patients, we feel confident we are meeting that mission.

The Town of Ashland's contribution to the Pemi-Baker Home Health and Hospice is \$9167.00 for 2005

VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE

2004 REPORT TO THE TOWN OF ASHLAND

Submitted by Jaye Olmstead, Executive Director

To the Voices Against Violence staff, board members, volunteers and supportive community members:

First of all we'd like to thank you for just being there.

Some of us have stayed with, or returned to, abusive partners because we didn't think we could make it on our own.

You have shown us different.

You have convinced us that we, and our children, deserve different.

You have helped us to realize that we are not worthless, as we have been conditioned so long to believe.

Thank you for reminding us that we are good parents when we were told the opposite for so long.

Thank you for helping us rediscover our self-esteem or even realize it for the first time.

Thank you for reminding us how to be assertive and protect our boundaries.

Thank you for letting us vent about custodial issues, "the system," etc., whenever we needed to.

Thank you for providing us with the necessities while we're trying to get back on our feet.

Thank you for helping our children have happy birthdays when we couldn't quite do it ourselves.

Thank you for helping us obtain things like haircuts and long neglected dental care that helps us immeasurably to feel better about ourselves.

Thank you for providing fun things to do with our families and even occasional time away from them.

Thank you for helping us obtain vehicles that go a long way in helping us to regain our independence.

Thank you for helping us try to find housing and making sure that we have everything we need when we do find that housing.

Thank you for your kindness, caring and support.

Thank you for all the other things you do that are too numerous to mention.

By appreciative clients of
Voices Against Violence



Grafton County

Senior Citizens Council

Inc. GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2004

P.O. Box 433
Lebanon, NH
03766-0433

phone: 603-448-4897
fax: 603-448-3906

www.gcsc.org
e-mail: gcsc@gcsc.org

Bristol Area Senior Services
P.O. Box 266
Bristol, NH 03222
744-8395

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

Horse Meadow Senior Center
91 Horse Meadow Road
N. Haverhill, NH 03774
787-2539

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln, the information and assistance program Grafton County ServiceLink, and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

Linwood Area Senior Services
P.O. Box 461
Lincoln, NH 03251
745-4705

During 2004, 101 older residents of Ashland were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center:

Littleton Area Senior Center
P.O. Box 98
Littleton, NH 03561
444-6050

- Older adults from Ashland enjoyed 1,879 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room.
- They received 2,455 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Ashland residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 798 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 171 visits by a trained social worker or contacts with ServiceLink.
- Ashland's elderly citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 929 hours of volunteer service.

Mascoma Area Senior Center
P.O. Box 210
Canaan, NH 03741
523-4333

The cost to provide Council services for Ashland residents in 2004 was \$35,519.26.

Orford Area Senior Services
P.O. Box 98
Orford, NH 03777
353-9107

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Plymouth Regional Senior Center
P.O. Box 478
Plymouth, NH 03264
536-1204

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Ashland's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Upper Valley Senior Center
P.O. Box 433
Lebanon, NH 03766
448-4213

VP of Upper Valley & White Mts.
P.O. Box 433
Lebanon, NH 03766
448-1825

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Submitted by Robert Berti, Chairman PBSWD

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District met seven (7) times during 2004. The District was once again active in household hazardous waste management, fluorescent light bulb recycling and paint recycling. A number of towns (7) initiated the collection of electronics for recycling as well. The district towns also continued to improve their cooperative recycling efforts with the Campton/Thornton/Ellsworth, Plymouth and Rumney facilities serving as processing facilities for a number of the smaller District towns. Working cooperatively on all of these programs allows individual District towns to save significant resources of time and money.

With assistance from North Country Council, the District held three (3) one-day collections events – Littleton and Rumney in the summer and Plymouth in the fall. These collections resulted in the proper disposal/recycling of over 4000 gallons of material. Over 350 households participated in this program. The average amount of household hazardous waste dropped off by each participant increased from 13 gallons in 2003 to 16 gallons. The District received \$11,050 in grant funds from the State of NH's Household Hazardous Waste Program to help offset some of our program costs. In 2005, the District plans to hold two (2) HHW collections in the spring (Littleton and Thornton) and (1) in the fall (Plymouth).

In addition to the one-day HHW collections individual District towns continued to collect leftover/unused household paint. This material is accepted at most facilities April through September. Our selected contractor sorts the material by color and then processes it into a recycled paint product for commercial sale. Using this program the District was able to save \$140/box over last years recycling/reuse rate with our HHW contractor; over 2000 gallons of paint was collected.

The District recycled over 27000 feet of fluorescent light bulbs. These bulbs were collected at individual transfer stations throughout the year. In the spring and fall pickups were coordinated with our recycling vendor. Communities recycling electronics collected over ten (10) tons of material since May. These individual collection programs followed another successful one-day electronics recycling collection held in April at the Littleton Transfer Station where over four (4) tons of material was collected for recycling.

In October the District voted to return, in its entirety with accrued interest, individual members' unspent district appropriations from the years 1987 through 1991. This money has been serving as the District's capital reserve. Members will receive their individual shares by the dates they have specified.

Citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices.

VITAL RECORDS - 2004				
BIRTHS 2004				
DATE	CHILD'S NAME	FATHER	MOTHER	PLACE OF BIRTH
7/6/2004	KYLEIGH MAE MUNROE	JOSHUA MUNROE	BRIANA YOUNG	PLYMOUTH, NH
7/22/2004	CEILI ROSE MUTNEY		JAIME MUTNEY	PLYMOUTH, NH
7/23/2004	RYAN CHRISTOPHER BERG	BRIAN BERG	LORI BERG	PLYMOUTH, NH
7/26/2004	HAYLEY BRYANN RICHARDSON	BRYAN RICHARDSON	AMANDA BLAKE	PLYMOUTH, NH
8/4/2004	ELAINA STEPHANIE MANSON	WILLIAM MANSON	ALISON MANSON	LACONIA, NH
8/12/2004	BRENDAN OSCAR PARRY	CHRISTOPHER PARRY	KAREN MONEY-PARRY	LACONIA, NH
9/10/2004	CHLOE AMANDA PEARSON	CRAIG PEARSON	HAILEY PEARSON	CONCORD, NH
9/18/2004	JULIANNA RENEE COTE	GERALD COTE	AMBER GALLIEN	LACONIA, NH
10/7/2004	CIERE DAWN ROBERTS		TARA SMITH	PLYMOUTH, NH
10/13/2004	BISHOP S. R. FOLGER	BRANDON FOLGER	JOVANNA FOLGER	EXETER, NH
10/16/2004	PYPER RENEE MOORE	JOSEPH MOORE	VICKIE CAMPBELL	PLYMOUTH, NH
10/19/2004	GAVON SCOTT HARRIS	ERIC HARRIS	JESSICA GRATON	PLYMOUTH, NH
11/1/2004	MATTHEW J. MACALLISTER	DONALD MACALLISTER	KELLY MORRILL	PLYMOUTH, NH
11/23/2004	CAMRON MICHAEL CHASE	DAVIS CHASE	ALICIA JENNESS	PLYMOUTH, NH
DEATHS 2004				
DATE	NAME	FATHER	MOTHER	PLACE
1/16/2004	JOHN TAPPAN	UNKNOWN TAPPAN	UNKNOWN RUMBLE	PLYMOUTH, NH
1/24/2004	MARGERIE ROBY	CLIFFORD PRINCE	LEONA BELAIR	LITTLETON, NH
4/24/2004	DOROTHY BROWN	IRVING BROWN	JENISS MITCHELL	PLYMOUTH, NH
6/7/2004	HAROLD BAKER	MATTHEW BAKER	MAUDE PATTEN	PLYMOUTH, NH
7/7/2004	SUSAN SIMONEAU	WILLIAM WATSON	LOUELLA LLOYD	PLYMOUTH, NH
7/30/2004	FLORENCE CHAISSON	COLBY LYFORD	IRENE COTE	ASHLAND, NH
8/20/2004	GAYE DIEHM	ROY RILEY	BARBARA PEPI	ASHLAND, NH
9/18/2004	ROLAND MORRELL	JOSEPH MORRELL	MARIEA MARCHANT	ASHLAND, NH
9/30/2004	LEON LAMBERT	HENRY LAMBERT	BEATRICE COUTURE	ASHLAND, NH
10/14/2004	GLORIA TAYLOR	FRANKLIN WYMAN	MILDRED PIERCE	ASHLAND, NH
10/30/2004	AMANDA HACKETT		PAMELA HACKETT	HOLDERNESS, NH
11/18/2004	STANLEY LAMOND	FRED LAMOND	JOSIE BOYNTON	ASHLAND, NH
12/6/2004	CHRISTINE AVERY	HOWARD LANGILL	KATHERINE PIPER	LACONIA, NH
12/7/2004	HOWARD BILODEAU	JOSEPH BILODEAU	ADEL TANGUAY	MEREDITH, NH
12/11/2004	HERMAN KENISTON	ELMER KINISTON	GEORGIA HILL	EPSON, NH
12/17/2004	EILEEN BERSUCH	DAN VANSOEST	SARAH GALLAGHER	LACONIA, NH
12/27/2004	WILLIAM TURNER	HARRY TURNER	DELIA GALLAGHER	ASHLAND, NH
MARRIAGES 2004				
DATE	GROOM	BRIDE	PLACE	
2/14/2004	MARK A DARRAH	CANDICE E CHAPMAN	MOULTONBOROUGH	
2/14/2004	SHAWN M WOODS	JENNIFER A PATTERSON	ASHLAND	
2/29/2004	SAMUEL W DIXON	AMY L SEAVEY	WILMOT	
3/12/2004	DAVID A EDRY	LISA R HUDD	THORNTON	
4/2/2004	MATTHEW J BRAGDON	ANGELA J DILL	PLYMOUTH	
4/3/2004	ALBERT O PERRY JR	SHERRI J THOMAS	PLYMOUTH	
4/9/2004	ROBERT D ROY	DEBRA S BAERT	WARREN	
5/29/2004	LAWRENCE R WHITE	DALE A YOUNG	PLYMOUTH	
6/5/2004	ADRIAN BUTTERWORTH	KATHERINE L ZOCK	HOLDERNESS	
6/5/2004	JEREMY S JAQUITH	TAMI J MACDONALD	ASHLAND	
6/12/2004	SYLVESTER A PUSHEE	MARGARET R SMITH	ASHLAND	
6/19/2004	DAVID L GROLEAU	SARAH F HORMELL	ASHLAND	
7/3/2004	JAMES A LEONARD	DAWNE B TAPPAN	ASHLAND	
7/24/2004	GRAHAM J WALKER	SARAH E REDHOUSE	BARRINGTON	
4/24/2004	JONATHAN M WENDELBOE	ALISHA A BALLOU	GILFORD	
8/21/2004	DANIEL N THOMPSON	BEATRICE R CALLAHAN	ASHLAND	
8/21/2004	EDWIN G BUFORD	REBECCA S GUAY	MEREDITH	
9/4/2004	SHAWN D WILLEY	MELISSA A LYFORD	HOLDERNESS	
9/25/2004	GREGORY L. BAVIS	ERIN L. PIASSA	CAMPTON	
10/9/2004	MICHAEL J. FRANKAUSKI	CATHY K. YEUNG	ASHLAND	
10/27/2004	ERIK G. AMES	EMMA-JANE HYSLOP	ASHLAND	
10/31/2004	JOHN A. MCHUGH	HEATHER A. LETOURNEAU	ASHLAND	
SOURCE: VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION - CONCORD, NH				

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Submitted by Patricia Tucker

The Town Clerk's office is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, we are open Thursday until 5:00 PM.

We licensed nearly 400 dogs in 2004; we want to thank all the dog owners for their cooperation with this process. 2005 tags will be available after the first of the year.

The Town has allocated funds for the past few years that have enabled us to restore vital record books. This process is continuing as long as funds are available. We are working on cataloging permanent record retention materials.

We are now on the state NHVRIN (New Hampshire Vital Record Information Network). We are able to issue certified copies of events even if they did not occur in this town. There are restrictions that need to be complied with when applying for documents.

Revenue from Town Clerk – 2004

Motor Vehicle Registrations and Titles	\$277280.25
Town Portion of Dog Licenses	\$ 1745.50
State Portion of Dog Licenses (sent to state)	\$ 880.00
Town Portion of Vital Record Copies	\$ 296.00
State Portion of Vital Record Copies (sent to state)	\$ 969.00
Filing Fees (UCC, election filing fees)	\$ 1500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 136.50

Un-audited Report December 31, 2004

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

ASHLAND

2004

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES-		Levy for Year	PRIOR LEVIES	
BEG. OF YEAR*		of this Report	(PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	366615.73	
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx	0	
Land Use Change	#3120	xxxxxx	3142.1	
Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx	1074.14	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx		
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx		
		xxxxxx		

TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	4198881.08	
Resident Taxes	#3180	0	
Land Use Change	#3120	800	
Yield Taxes	#3185	1111.38	1160.07
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187		28
Utility Charges	#3189		

FOR DRA USE ONLY**OVERPAYMENT:**

Property Taxes	#3110	16076		
Resident Taxes	#3180			
Land Use Change	#3120			
Yield Taxes	#3185			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187			
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	6489.63	18779.63	
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190			
TOTAL DEBITS		4223358.09	390799.67	\$

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

ASHLAND

2004

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for this Year	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Property Taxes	3866792.71	366393.97		
Resident Taxes	0	0		
Land Use Change	800	3142.1		
Yield Taxes		2234.21		
Interest (Include lien conversion)	6489.63	18779.63		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd		28		
Utility Charges				
Conversion to Lien (principal only)				
CREDITS 2005	3720.87			
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	57743.98	221.76		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED				

UNCOLLECTED TAXES -

END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	290420.39			
Resident Taxes	0			
Land Use Change	0			
Yield Taxes	1111.38			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
CREDITS 2005	-3720.87			
TOTAL CREDITS	4223358.09	390799.67	\$	\$

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

ASHLAND

2004

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2003	2002	2001-
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year		77620.74	29515.1	27516.04
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	122351.05			
Interest & Costs Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	4223.52	9945.47	6915.94	8607.57
REFUNDS	27.52	34.48	24.25	
	124.8	120.76		
TOTAL DEBITS	126726.89	87721.45	36455.29	36123.61

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:		Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES		
			(PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2004	2003	2002	2001-
Redemptions		61691.95	49459.39	17314.87	7396.7
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	4223.52	9945.47	5915.94	8607.57
ABATEMENTS INT/COSTS		27.52	34.48	24.25	
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes		254.07	245.78	115.23	
Liens Deeded to Municipality					
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	#1110	60529.83	28036.33	12085	20119.34
TOTAL CREDITS		126726.89	87721.45	35455.29	36123.61

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? _____ YES

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE

*Danina Jurek*DATE *01-24-05*

GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT ACCOUNTS					
		Annual Due	Principal	Interest	Principal
		Date	Year 2204	Year 2004	Balance Due
\$300,000 Water System Bond	10-Sep	\$ 6,832.96	\$ 11,893.04	\$ 257,768.04	
Due Annually @4.501%					
Payable to Rural Development					
Final Payment 9/10/2026					
\$1,600,000 Water Project	16-Jul	\$ 40,288.31	\$ 61,359.69	\$ 1,321,134.69	
Interest @ 4.501%					
Payable to Rural Development					
Final Payment 7/18/2025					
\$448,000 - 1967 Water Bonds	15-Jul	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,561.25	\$ 120,000.00	
Interest varies @5.4% - 8.25%	15-Jan		\$ 5,561.25		
Payable to NH Municipal Bond					
Final Payment 7/15/2012					
\$210,600 Fire Truck Lease	Monthly	\$ 21,361.85	\$ 1,287.27	\$ 6,988.15	
Interest @ 7.33%					
Payable to LaSalle National Bank					
Final Payment 4/1/2005					
\$2,000,000 Deficit Bond	Quarterly	\$ 257,893.47	\$ 3,808.65	\$ -	
Interest @ 2.44%					
Payable to Pemi National Bank					
Final Payment in 2005					
\$971,100 River St. Improvement R1	10-Jan	\$ 16,917.00	\$ 42,177.00	\$ 919,587.00	
Interest @ 4.5%					
Payable to USDA - Rural Development					
Final payment 2030					
\$412,905 River St. Improvement R2	10-Jan	\$ 7,193.00	\$ 17,934.00	\$ 391,002.00	
Interest @ 4.5%					
Payable to USDA -Rural Development					
Final payment 2030					
\$28,320 Fire Department Uniform	1-May	\$ 5,431.00	\$ 767.00	\$ 10,704.00	
Interest @ 4.5%					
Payable to Banknorth					
Final Payment 2006					
\$400,000 Highway Project Bond	1-Apr	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 12,032.87	\$ 360,000.00	
Interest @ 3%					
Payable to Woodsville Savings Bank					
Final Payment 2013					

SCRIBNER MEMORIAL TRUST
DECEMBER 31, 2004

Balance as of December 31, 2003 \$175,869.01

	2003	2004
Expenses:		
Maintenance	\$ 3,783.51	\$ 7,774.50
Supplies	354.38	842.76
Garbage	208.00	370.00
Insurance	959.00	888.00
FICA	390.24	379.48
Trustees	1,154.35	1,315.96
Bookkeeper	230.87	923.50
Fuel	977.84	148.18
Ray Burke Fund	757.85	
Misc.	<u>264.98</u>	
TOTAL	\$ 9,081.02	<u>12,642.38</u>

Income:

MVSB Interest	\$ 4.09	1.25
Putnam Div. On Income	3,559.65	4,625.32
Inc. Fund of America	2,735.91	2,580.84
Ray Burke Fund	968.00	
Transferred Funds-CD		<u>5,995.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>7,267.65</u>	\$ 13,202.41

Account Balances:

MVSB 23479801	\$2,422.56	\$ 2,931.63
MVSB 14364	178.73	178.73
Inc. Fund of America-value	67,172.26	73,088.80
Cash Balance	73.15	73.15
Pioneer II-value	51,024.67	51,024.67
Putnam Diversified-value	<u>\$ 54,997.64</u>	<u>\$ 35,496.45</u>
TOTAL	\$ 175,869.01	\$162,793.43

Balance as of December 31, 2004 \$ 162,793.43

Submitted by
Edward A. Dupuis
Sam Norman
Richard Ogden
Rick Pare'
Daniel Golden

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT - 2004						
Submitted by Linda Guyotte, Treasurer						
CHECKING ACCOUNTS		TOWN	ELECTRIC	WATER	SEWER	
BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2004	\$ 1,470,096.97	\$ 72,054.89	\$ 85,466.97	\$ 25,469.19		
DEPOSITS	\$ 11,389,048.33	\$ 3,333,564.68	\$ 78,644.21	\$ 448,323.54		
EXPENDITURES	\$ 11,350,522.13	\$ 3,200,919.48	\$ 118,908.09	\$ 318,856.47		
INTEREST	\$ 7,451.15	\$ 998.45	\$ 347.18	\$ 491.81		
TOTAL	\$ 1,516,074.32	\$ 205,698.54	\$ 45,550.27	\$ 155,428.07		
PROOF OF BALANCE						
MVSB CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 55,379.83	\$ 12,530.81	\$ -	\$ -		
MVSB CASH MANAGER	\$ 1,460,694.49	\$ 193,167.73	\$ 45,550.27	\$ 156,428.07		
TOTAL MEREDITH VILLAGE SAVINGS 12/31/04	\$ 1,516,074.32	\$ 205,698.54	\$ 45,550.27	\$ 156,428.07		
INVESTED FUNDS						
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ -	\$ 17,224.34	\$ 55,717.25	\$ 202,512.42		
CONTRIBUTION	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		
WITHDRAWALS	\$ -	\$ 17,265.76	\$ -	\$ 38,550.00		
INTEREST	\$ -	\$ 41.42	\$ 550.62	\$ 1,998.24		
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ 56,267.87	\$ 165,960.66		
PROOF OF BALANCE						
NH PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL 12/31/04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,267.87	\$ 165,960.66		
MEREDITH VILLAGE SAVINGS BANK		\$ 315,986.23				
WITHDRAWAL		\$ 200,000.00				
INTEREST		\$ 2,480.60				
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ 118,466.83				
PROOF OF BALANCE MVSB 12/31/04		\$ 118,466.83				
TOTAL CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2004	\$ 1,516,074.32	\$ 324,165.37	\$ 101,818.14	\$ 322,388.73		

Report of the Trust Fund of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire on December 31, 2004

Date of Creation	Name and Purpose of Trust	Purpose of Trust Fund	Beginning Balance	New Funds Created	Principal Increase (decrease) in Fair Value	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
	Nonexpendable Trusts:						
	Cemetery Care Trusts:						
Various	Green Grove Cemetery	Cemetery	8,750.00				8,750.00
09/18/66	Crimings & Berry Cemetery	Cemetery	1,331.38				1,331.38
06/01/30	Thompson Cemetery	Cemetery	200.00		(200.00)		
	Library Trusts:						
02/08/77	Pauline Packard Memorial Fund	Library	958.36		55.03		1,013.39
08/07/74	Ordway Cheney	Library	1,969.01		140.89		2,109.90
05/13/85	Harriet Addison	Library	913.21		70.65		983.86
	Memorial Park						
03/01/95	J. Rollins Trust	Mem. Park	3,578.23				3,578.23
08/12/93	Memorial Park	Maintenance	35,132.26		6,417.47		41,549.73
			52,832.45		6,684.04	(200.00)	59,316.49
	Expendable Trusts:						
	Capital Reserve Funds:						
03/14/99	Ice Skating Rink Fund		5,491.44		(5,491.44)		
03/09/04	River Street Bridge			30,000.00			30,000.00
03/09/04	Highway Truck			25,000.00			25,000.00
03/12/02	Highway Truck	Highway Truck	54,000.00		(54,000.00)		
03/12/02	Employee Disability Payment Fund	Insurance	7,300.00				7,300.00
			66,791.44	55,000.00	(59,491.44)		62,300.00
	Agency Trusts:						
	Ashland School District						
01/23/03	School District Special	Insurance	55,298.66				55,298.66
05/13/85	Alice June Addison Memorial	Scholarship	11,068.38		767.96		11,836.34
05/13/85	Alice June Addison Memorial	Scholarship	82.63				82.63
08/16/87	Edward M. Dogett Memorial	Scholarship	2,000.00		12.62		2,012.62
			68,449.67		780.58		69,230.25
	Totals		188,073.56	55,000.00	7,464.62	(59,691.44)	190,846.74

Report of the Trust Fund of the Town of A									
Date of Creation	Name and Purpose of Trust	Purpose of Trust Fund	Total Principal and Income	Prior Year Balances	Return on Average Balance	Investments			
						Bank/ Brokerage	Type of Account	Account Number	Account Balance
	Nonexpendable Trusts:								
	Cemetery Care Trusts:								
Various	Green Grove Cemetery	Cemetery	9,604.93	9,452.68	2.68%	UBS	Mut Fnds	CV 65553 33	9,452.68
09/18/66	Crimings & Berry Cemetery	Cemetery	2,333.10	2,304.78	1.22%	UBS	Mut Fnds	CV 75553 33	2,304.78
06/01/30	Thompson Cemetery	Cemetery		366.27	0.34%	MVS	Passbook	12058 (closed)	366.27
	Library Trusts:								
02/08/77	Pauline Packard Memorial Fund	Library	1,013.39	984.72	4.87%	Paine Webber	Mut Fnds	CV 65553 33	984.72
08/07/74	Ordway Cheney	Library	2,151.23	2,021.14	3.08%	Paine Webber	Mut Fnds	CV 65554 33	2,021.14
05/13/85	Harriet Addison Memorial Park	Library	983.86	913.21		Pioneer	Mut Fnds	008-0080657381	913.21
03/01/95	J. Rollins Trust	Mem. Park	4,732.58	4,710.94	2.05%	Paine Webber	Mut Fnds	CV 69135 07	4,710.94
08/12/93	Memorial Park	Maintenance	52,498.03	49,079.61	0.00%	AG Edwards	Mut Fnds	410-100746-043	49,079.61
			73,317.12	69,833.35	0.55%				69,833.35
	Expendable Trusts:								
	Capital Reserve Funds:								
03/14/99	Ice Skating Rink Fund			5,794.85	0.29%	MVS	Passbook	77025	5,794.85
03/09/04	River Street Bridge		30,232.45			NHPDIP	Pool	JH-01-0120-000	Closed
03/09/04	Highway Truck		25,193.61			NHPDIP	Pool	JH-01-0120-000	
03/12/02	Highway Truck	Highway Truck		54,338.96		NHPDIP	Pool	JH-01-0120-000	54,338.96
03/12/02	Employee Disability Payment Fund	Insurance	7,427.69	7,355.03	0.98%	NHPDIP	Pool	JH-01-0120-000	7,355.03
			62,853.75	67,488.84	0.78%				67,488.84
	Agency Trusts:								
	Ashland School District								
01/23/03	School District Special	Insurance	56,224.03	55,673.72		NHPDIP	Pool	JH-01-0120-000	55,673.62
05/13/85	Alice June Addison Memorial	Scholarship	12,470.55	11,352.60	2.94%	Paine Webber	Mut Fnds	CV 65552 33	11,352.60
05/13/85	Alice June Addison Memorial	Scholarship	82.63	82.91		MVS	Passbook	71196	82.91
08/16/87	Edward M. Doggett Memorial	Scholarship	2,074.28	2,003.73	2.84%	UBS	Mut Fnds	CV 75552 33	2,003.73
			70,851.49	69,112.96	1.37%				69,112.86
	Totals		207,022.36	206,435.15	1.03%				206,435.05

Report of the Trust Fund of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire on December 31, 2004

Date of Creation	Name and Purpose of Trust	Purpose of Trust Fund	Principal				Income				Total Principal and Income	Prior Year Balance	Return on Average Balance		
			Beginning Balance	New Funds Created	Capital Gains(Losses)	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income	Increase (decrease) in Fair Value				Expended	
Nonexpendable Trusts:															
Cemetery Care Trusts:															
8/29/2019	Thomas Cheney	Cemetery	450.00				0.00	0.00	13.12	(5.29)	0.00	43.96	493.96	486.13	1.60%
11/15/2022	Francella Perkins	Cemetery	500.00				500.00	36.13	14.58	(5.88)	0.00	48.85	548.85	540.15	1.60%
7/2/2029	Jennie York	Cemetery	250.00				250.00	20.08	7.29	(2.94)	0.00	24.43	274.43	270.08	1.60%
4/15/1930	Blanche Rogers	Cemetery	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
2/17/1933	Blanche Nichols	Cemetery	150.00				150.00	12.05	4.37	(1.76)	0.00	14.66	164.66	162.05	1.60%
11/19/1939	Batchelder Thompson	Cemetery	400.00				400.00	32.12	11.67	(4.71)	0.00	39.08	439.08	432.12	1.60%
3/1/1940	Julia Tanguay	Cemetery	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
3/9/1940	Alice Mitchell	Cemetery	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
12/31/1941	Aimee Dupuis	Cemetery	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
1/26/1942	Deacon James Huckins	Cemetery	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
1/26/1942	James Ford Huckins	Cemetery	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
8/24/1943	Draper Corliss	Cemetery	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
4/28/1944	Perkins-Viturn-Cheney	Cemetery	1,500.00				1,500.00	120.48	43.75	(17.65)	0.00	146.58	1,646.58	1,620.48	1.60%
4/28/1944	Clarence Cheney Smith	Cemetery	1,000.00				1,000.00	80.30	29.16	(11.76)	0.00	97.70	1,097.70	1,080.30	1.60%
5/26/1944	Frank Fifield	Cemetery	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
4/27/1945	C.T. Clough	Cemetery	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
9/22/1945	Nellie Smythe	Cemetery	200.00				200.00	16.06	5.83	(2.35)	0.00	19.54	219.54	216.06	1.60%
2/12/1946	S.B. Cummings	Cemetery	150.00				150.00	12.05	4.37	(1.76)	0.00	14.66	164.66	162.05	1.60%
2/12/1946	Julia Nichols	Cemetery	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
2/12/1946	Frank & Sarah Smith	Cemetery	200.00				200.00	16.06	5.83	(2.35)	0.00	19.54	219.54	216.06	1.60%
3/24/1946	Margaret Horrigan	Cemetery	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
1/25/1950	Guy Torsey	Cemetery	200.00				200.00	16.06	5.83	(2.35)	0.00	19.54	219.54	216.06	1.60%
8/27/1950	Frank Robie	Cemetery	150.00				150.00	12.05	4.37	(1.76)	0.00	14.66	164.66	162.05	1.60%
10/31/1951	Walter B. Brown	Cemetery	400.00				400.00	32.12	11.67	(4.71)	0.00	39.08	439.08	432.12	1.60%
10/31/1951	Hodgdon & Pollard	Cemetery	400.00				400.00	32.12	11.67	(4.71)	0.00	39.08	439.08	432.12	1.60%
10/1/1953	Gove Rogers	Cemetery	100.00				100.00	8.03	2.92	(1.18)	0.00	9.77	109.77	108.03	1.60%
8/16/1956	Dona Guyotte	Cemetery	150.00				150.00	12.05	4.37	(1.76)	0.00	14.66	164.66	162.05	1.60%
2/14/1960	Bertha C. Boynton	Cemetery	250.00				250.00	20.08	7.29	(2.94)	0.00	24.43	274.43	270.08	1.60%
7/11/1961	Martha Cummings	Cemetery	200.00				200.00	16.06	5.83	(2.35)	0.00	19.54	219.54	216.06	1.60%
3/12/1964	Josie Lamond	Cemetery	200.00				200.00	16.06	5.83	(2.35)	0.00	19.54	219.54	216.06	1.60%
8/28/1946	James C. Hinds	Cemetery	200.00				200.00	16.06	5.83	(2.35)	0.00	19.54	219.54	216.06	1.60%
9/20/1967	Lucien St. Arnaud	Cemetery	200.00				200.00	16.06	5.83	(2.35)	0.00	19.54	219.54	216.06	1.60%
6/30/1969	Drew Weeks Lot	Cemetery	200.00				200.00	16.06	5.83	(2.35)	0.00	19.54	219.54	216.06	1.60%
12/17/1969	Marie Young	Cemetery	200.00				200.00	16.06	5.83	(2.35)	0.00	19.54	219.54	216.06	1.60%
			8,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,750.00	702.68	255.18	(102.93)		834.93	9,604.93	9,452.68	1.60%

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED
FOR THE TAX YEAR 2004 - TOWN OF ASHLAND - GRAFTON COUNTY

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2004 BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	BALANCE REMAINING
EXECUTIVE	\$ 5,768.00	\$ 3,354.00	\$ 2,414.00
ELECTION, REGISTRATION, VITALS	\$ 29,576.00	\$ 26,141.00	\$ 3,435.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 193,625.00	\$ 179,184.00	\$ 14,441.00
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	\$ 32,001.00	\$ 19,027.00	\$ 12,974.00
LEGAL EXPENSE	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,821.00	\$ 1,179.00
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1.00	\$ 1,671.00	\$ (1,670.00)
PLANNING AND ZONING	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,432.00	\$ 368.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	\$ 34,100.00	\$ 15,299.00	\$ 18,801.00
CEMETERIES	\$ 400.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 205.00
INSURANCE	\$ 57,278.00	\$ 59,048.00	\$ (1,770.00)
ADVERTISING/REGIONAL ASSOC	\$ 1,770.00	\$ 1,770.00	\$ -
OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,012.00	\$ 4,988.00
PUBLIC SAFETY			\$ -
POLICE	\$ 449,972.00	\$ 392,867.00	\$ 57,105.00
AMBULANCE	\$ 28,241.00	\$ 28,241.00	\$ -
FIRE	\$ 131,046.00	\$ 107,665.00	\$ 23,381.00
BUILDING INSPECTION	\$ 7,099.00	\$ 6,169.00	\$ 930.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 2,685.00
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			\$ -
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 182,312.00	\$ 148,501.00	\$ 33,811.00
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	\$ 185,085.00	\$ 159,242.00	\$ 25,843.00
BRIDGES	\$ 600.00	\$ 381.00	\$ 219.00
TOWN MECHANIC	\$ 58,288.00	\$ 53,452.00	\$ 4,836.00
STREET LIGHTING	\$ 38,400.00	\$ 34,617.00	\$ 3,783.00
SANITATION			\$ -
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	\$ 174,270.00	\$ 159,705.00	\$ 14,565.00
HEALTH			\$ -
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,446.00	\$ 807.00	\$ 639.00
PEST CONTROL	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 2,205.00	\$ 1,095.00
WELFARE			\$ -
ADMINISTRATION / ASSISTANCE	\$ 23,229.00	\$ 29,060.00	\$ (5,831.00)
VENDOR PAYMENTS / OTHER	\$ 22,982.00	\$ 17,791.00	\$ 5,191.00
CULTURE AND RECREATION			\$ -
PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 141,977.00	\$ 124,426.00	\$ 17,551.00
LIBRARY	\$ 44,225.00	\$ 44,225.00	\$ -
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	\$ 5,930.00	\$ 4,951.00	\$ 979.00
TOWN TRUSTEES	\$ 648.00	\$ 502.00	\$ 146.00
CONSERVATION	\$ 850.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00
DEBT SERVICE			\$ -
PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM	\$ 302,232.00	\$ 286,937.00	\$ 15,295.00
INTEREST - LONG TERM	\$ 160,279.00	\$ 151,268.00	\$ 9,011.00
INTEREST - TAN	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ 1.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 28,827.00	\$ 30,713.00	\$ (1,886.00)
WARRANT ARTICLES	\$ 169,095.00	\$ 133,761.00	\$ 35,334.00
DEFAULT DISCOUNTS	\$ -	\$ (801.00)	\$ 801.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 2,540,653.00	# \$ 2,239,304.00	# \$ 301,349.00
OUT TO ENTERPRISE FUNDS			\$ -
MUNICIPAL SEWER FUND	\$ 248,815.00	\$ 248,815.00	\$ -
MUNICIPAL WATER FUND	\$ 161,362.33	\$ 161,362.33	\$ -
MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC FUND	\$ 2,101,884.00	\$ 2,101,884.00	\$ -

UNAUDITED AS OF JANUARY 31, 2005

The Mercier Group

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Ashland
Ashland, New Hampshire

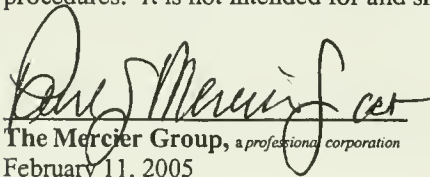
In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2004, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased by the progress that Town employees have made to re-establish in-house accounting functions and to develop routine monthly procedures to verify the accuracy of those records. Personnel continue to develop their individual skills and as a result we are happy to report that our audit disclosed no matters that were considered material weaknesses as defined above. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or record keeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to those individuals involved over the course of the fiscal year or during our audit fieldwork. Areas of opportunity for further consideration include:

- ❑ **Continued development of accounting systems** - During FY2004, the Town experienced a decline in the overall quality of its financial records due mainly to personnel turnover in a key accounting position. Fortunately, by year-end a trained accountant was hired to fill the vacancy and although records were not completely closed at the time of audit, much has been done to bring the accounting records up to date and in balance between the various departments and elected officials. Considering past difficulties, the significant progress that the community has made to improve its financial systems and with the growing complexities of governmental accounting standards, we strongly emphasize the importance for maintaining the staffing of this position with adequately trained personnel. As independent auditors, we are happy to continue to monitor activities and provide support training for accounting personnel as may be needed through the coming year.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management as an aid in improving systems and procedures. It is not intended for and should not be used for any other purpose.


The Mercier Group, a professional corporation
February 11, 2005

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Ashland
Ashland, New Hampshire

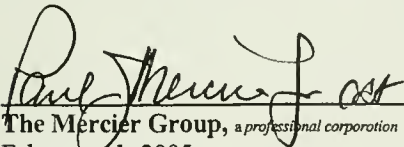
We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Town of Ashland as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall basic financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The basic financial statements referred to above do not include the business-type activities (Enterprise Funds), which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The Utility Departments are audited by other auditors who issue a separate report on those Funds.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omissions described in the preceding paragraph, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2004, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its private-purpose trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



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February 11, 2005

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To the Commissioners
Ashland, New Hampshire

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Water, Sewer and Electric enterprise fund of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire and management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in the notes to financial statements, the financial statements present only the Water, Sewer and Electric enterprise fund, and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its proprietary fund type in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Water, Sewer and Electric enterprise fund of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2004, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying combining financial statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the enterprise fund financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the enterprise fund financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented, in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Harding & Bahr

Plymouth, New Hampshire
January 24, 2005

2005

ASHLAND
TOWN WARRANT
AND
TOWN BUDGET

OFFICIAL BALLOT
2005 ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2005

Article 1:

To choose all of the following officers for the year ensuing:

(2)	Selectmen	3 Year Term
(1)	Town Treasurer	3 Year Term
(1)	Town Clerk	3 Year Term
(1)	Town Trustee	3 Year Term
(1)	Library Trustee	3 Year Term
(1)	Electric Commissioner	3 Year Term
(1)	Water/Sewer Commissioner	3 Year Term
(4)	Budget Committee	3 Year Term
(1)	Budget Committee	1 Year Term

Article 2:

Question 1:

To see what action the town will take on the following proposed amendments to the town's zoning ordinance.

To remove Article 7.5 Flood Hazard Areas Regulation from the Ashland Building Regulations, remove non-existent zone references, and amend the Ashland Zoning Ordinance Article 4 to include the Flood Hazard Areas Regulation as amended, to become Article 4.9. (Majority Vote Required)

YES _____ NO _____

Question 2:

To see what action the town will take on the following proposed amendment to the town's zoning ordinance.

To amend the Ashland Building Regulations Article 7.3 Sewage Disposal changing the departmental sign-off requirements, relieving the Water and Sewer Department of the need to review septic design plans. (Majority Vote Required)

YES _____ NO _____

Question 3:

To see what action the town will take on the following proposed amendment to the town's zoning ordinance

To amend the Ashland Zoning Ordinance zone description, 2.2b, to add commercial uses to the industrial zones with the exception of residential uses.

YES _____ NO _____

Article 3:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to be deposited into the Capital Reserve Fund for the repair of the River Street Bridge over Squam River. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

YES _____ NO _____

Article 4:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$12,700) for the purchase of two 40-yard open top containers and other equipment for the transfer/recycling facility. This amount is the equivalent of a refund to the town that the Pemi Baker Solid Waste District is committed to making in 2005. No amount to be raised from new taxation from this article. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

YES _____ NO _____

Article 5:

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-C to restrict the revenues from ambulance billing to expenditures for the purpose of the Fire Department apparatus or equipment when needed. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue account fund to be known as the Fire Department Apparatus or Equipment Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. Fund is to go into effect upon passage of this article. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

YES _____ NO _____

Article 6:

To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to enter into a 10 year lease/purchase agreement to cover the acquisition of a ladder truck for the fire department, and also the refurbishing of the remaining fire department fleet through a bid process, and further, to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$ 62,886.27 to make payment during the first year of the lease. The agreement would require an annual appropriation of approximately \$ 62,886.27 for the next nine years for a total expenditure of approximately \$628,862.70, this figure includes interest. This lease does have a non-appropriations clause. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

YES _____ NO _____

Article 7:

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote on the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$5,283,697.00. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$6,557,178.00, which is the same as last year,

with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

YES _____ NO _____

Article 8:

To see if the town will vote to authorize the prepayment of property taxes and authorize the Tax Collector to accept such prepayment as provided by RSA 80:52-a. (Majority Vote Required)

YES _____ NO _____

Article 9:

Shall the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Ashland, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years \$30,000.00; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years of age \$40,000.00; for a person 80 years or older \$50,000.00. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,000.00 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$30,000.00; and own net assets of not in excess of \$60,000.00 excluding the value of the persons residence. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority Vote Required)

YES _____ NO _____

Article 10:

To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of its Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Officers for the year of 2004 subject to corrections of errors when and if found. (Majority Vote Required)

YES _____ NO _____

Article 11:

To see if the Town of Ashland wishes to amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than \$1,200.00. The \$1,200.00 limit on the excludable amount of remuneration paid in a calendar year for the services specified in this modification will be subject to adjustment for calendar years after 2005 to reflect changes in wages in the economy without any further modification of the agreement, with respect to such services performed during such calendar years, in accordance with Section 218 (c) (8) (B) of the Social Security Act. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority Vote Required)

YES _____ NO _____

BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: ASHLAND

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This is to certify that this budget was posted with the warrant on the (date) POSTED 01-31-05.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in Ink.

Ed Paul
Shirley A. Colman
Neale Barnes
Randall L. Hughes
Helen Knudsen
[Signature]

Ed Paul
[Signature]
David P. Jansen
James C. Cole

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)			Appropriations		Actual		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
ACCT.#	Warr. Art.#	Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Prior Year	Expenditures	(RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT										
4130-4139		5,768	4,646	8,268	8,268		8,268			
4140-4149		29,576	26,915	29,264	29,264		29,264			
4150-4151		195,125	191,551	250,035	250,035	1,230	229,410	20,625		
4152		32,001	19,067	28,500	28,500		28,500			
4153		*60,000	*61,120	15,000	15,000		15,000			
4155-4159		1	1,746	1	1		1			
4191-4193		2,800	2,875	5,886	5,886		4,866	1,000		
4194		34,100	28,938	47,150	47,150	200	47,150			
4195		400	195	400	400		400			
4196		57,278	59,931	69,275	69,275		69,275			
4197		1,770	1,770	1,770	1,770		1,770			
4199		10,000	5,012	10,000	10,000		10,000			
PUBLIC SAFETY										
4210-4214		450,972	415,526	457,828	457,828		470,328			
4215-4219		28,241	28,241	26,575	26,575		26,575			
4220-4229		131,046	112,397	134,756	134,756	100	134,756			
4240-4249		7,099	6,344	7,351	7,351		7,351			
4290-4298		3,000	315	2,500	2,500	500	2,500			
4299										
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER										
4301-4309										
	Airport Operations									
HIGHWAYS & STREETS										
4311	Administration	183,812	155,051	188,994	188,994		188,994			
4312	Highways & Streets	185,085	170,429	258,929	258,929	4,600	203,329	55,600		
4313	Bridges	600	381	400	400	200	400			

* includes \$50,000 legal expenses for electric system expansion, approved in August

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)		Warr. Art.#	Appropriations		Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
ACCT.#			Prior Year As Approved by DRA			(RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED
CULTURE & RECREATION									
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		141,977		129,303	148,054	5,150	147,955	899
4550-4559	Library		44,225		44,225	46,945	4,825	45,945	1,000
4583	Patriotic Purposes		5,930		4,951	5,930		5,930	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		648		663	652		652	
CONSERVATION									
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		850		536	800	400	860	
4619	Other Conservation								
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING								
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT								
DEBT SERVICE									
4711	Princ.-Long Term Bonds & Notes		302,232		323,767	165,938	4,500	125,938	40,000
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		160,279		151,235	151,621		147,621	4,000
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		1		0	1		1	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service								
CAPITAL OUTLAY									
4901	Land								
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		137,127		139,391	30,713		30,713	
4903	Buildings								
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		*1,630,795		*1,630,803				
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT									
4912	To Special Revenue Fund								
4913	To Capital Projects Fund								
4914	To Enterprise Fund								
	Sewer-		248,815		248,815	261,847		261,847	
	Water-		161,362		161,362	164,397		164,397	

*includes \$1,625,000 for electric system expansion, approved in August

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)				Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA		Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED) (NOT RECOMMENDED)		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED	
ACCT.#						XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.											
	Electric-				2,101,884		2,101,884	2,564,131		2,564,131	
	Airport-										
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund				55,000		55,000				
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917										
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds										
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds										
4919	To Agency Funds										
SUBTOTAL 1					6,757,014		6,618,496	5,416,397		5,283,773	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

Note: Actual expenditures were reported before the audit, so they may not be the final figures.

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)			Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED) (NOT RECOMMENDED)		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED	
ACCT.#									
4915	River St Bridge CR	3		30,000	30,000	12,000		12,000	
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED				XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	12,000	XXXXXXXXXX	12,000	XXXXXXXXXX

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements, leases or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)			Appropriations		Actual Expenditures		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
ACCT.#	Warr. Art.#		Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Prior Year	Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED		
4324	Transfer Station	4			12,700		12,700			
4902	Fire Trucks	6			62,886		62,886			
SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	75,586	XXXXXXXXXX	75,586			XXXXXXXXXX

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes			800	
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		5,000	1,160	2,000
3186	Payment In Lieu of Taxes		38,000	27,429	37,000
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		45,000	54,959	45,000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		50	28	50
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		3,200	5,382	3,900
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		227,500	286,254	283,000
3230	Building Permits		7,795	11,573	10,185
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		2,375	2,213	2,275
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		34,500	69,044	60,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		40,000	65,660	60,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		44,800	44,322	44,322
3354	Water Pollution Grant		40,000	58,351	43,360
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		100	101	100
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		500	326	500
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3408	Income from Departments		105,400	115,756	118,700
3409	Other Charges		5,000	668	1,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property			2,997	
3502	Interest on Investments		5,000	7,427	6,000
503-3509	Other		23,900	4,161	47,975
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

Note: Actual revenues were reported before the audit, so they may not be the final figures.

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)		248,815	248,815	261,847
	Water - (Offset)		161,362	161,362	164,397
	Electric - (Offset)		2,101,884	2,101,884	2,564,131
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		59,795	60,257	
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		1,700,000	1,700,000	
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")		115,095	115,095	
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes			300,000	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			5,015,071	5,446,024	3,755,744

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)		5,416,397	5,283,773
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)		12,000	12,000
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)		75,586	75,586
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended		5,503,983	5,371,359
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)		3,755,744	3,755,744
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised		1,748,239	1,615,615

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 501,021.40
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

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DATES TO REMEMBER

1-Jan	Fiscal Year Begins
5-Feb	Deliberative Session of 2005 Town Meeting Ashland School Gymnasium - 1 PM
9-Feb	Deliberative Session of 2005 Pemi-Baker School District Meeting Plymouth Regional High School - 6:30 PM
10-Mar	Ashland School District Meeting Ashland School Gymnasium - 7 PM
8-Mar	SB2 Official Balloting/Town and School Officers Election Ashland School Gymnasium 9PM to 7PM
1-Apr	All real property assessed to owner
15-Apr	Last day to file for religious, educational and charitable organizations to file annual list of all exempt property with assessing officials. Refusal to file may be grounds for denial.
15-Apr	Last day to file "Report of Cut" for 2002-2003 year
15-Apr	Last day to file Current Use Application for 2004 year
30-Apr	2004 Dog Tags Expire - Renew with Town Clerk
1-Jul	First Issue 2005 Tax Bill due
1-Aug	Deadline for Elderly Exemption Application
1-Dec	Second Issue 2005 Tax Bill due

MEETING SCHEDULES

*Subject to change with notice

Board of Selectmen	First/Third Monday of the Month 7 PM - Ashland School Library
Planning Board	First Tuesday of the Month 7PM - Ashland School Cafeteria
Board of Adjustment	Meetings Scheduled as Needed Posted in Post Office and Town Office
Conservation Comm.	First Wednesday of the Month 7PM - Ashland Town Hall
Housing Standards	Called as needed Posted in Post Office and Town Office
Budget Committee	Called as needed Posted in Post Office and Town Office
Electric Commissioners	Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month 10 AM - Utility Office
Water/Sewer Comm.	First and Third Thursday of the Month 9AM - Utility Office